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# Leadership snub angers local Tories

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

**GRASSROOTS** Conservatives rounded on the party at Westminster last night after the 164 Tory MPs decided that they alone would choose a successor to John Major.

The contest will begin on June 10 under the existing rules after the backbench 1922 Committee rejected activists' demands — backed by the party chairman Brian Mawhinney — that they should have a say.

Members did, however, win a promise of root-and-branch reform after next month's contest, which will now almost certainly be the last conducted solely by MPs.

Even so, the National Union, the party's voluntary arm, will press ahead with plans to give its association chairmen a vote and will publish the results the night before the first ballot.

Robin Hodgson, the National Union chairman, who has been pressing for activist involvement, was diplomatic in his public comments in spite of his disappointment. But others were angry and spoke of a party in ferment.

Welcoming the promise of change in the future, Mr Hodgson said: "It is a breakthrough. An agreement will be reached by Christmas. The new system will be in place for the next leadership contest. But clearly I am very sad and disappointed that not enough MPs could be persuaded to make a change in time for the next election."

But Baroness Miller of Hendon, a leading member of the National Union executive,

fear that there would be a further fall in party membership. "Ordinary members will be up in arms tonight. They are the ones who worked hard, in all weathers, to try to secure the re-election of a Tory government," she said.

"They blame the MPs for losing us the election because they were so disloyal. Yet these are the ones who have decided they are the only ones who are capable of choosing their leader."

I have not known the party membership in such a ferment since MPs decided to get rid of Margaret Thatcher. There was a groundswell in favour of change before the election.

Since we have been robbed of representation in Wales, Scotland and most major cities, the groundswell has grown into a clamour for change. I am very sad and very disappointed."

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, former deputy chairman of the party and leading advocate of reform, said: "The real decision will be made not by the 1922 but by the next leader of the party. If the new leader decides to do nothing about involving the grassroots, there will be a riot at the party conference. It will be awful. It will not exactly send the clearest signal to the country that we intend to build a democratic mass membership party if the new leader is chosen by 164 MPs."

Yesterday's decision was a setback for William Hague, the former Welsh Secretary, who is widely believed to be the favourite among local members. But his campaign team was undaunted, and

called on other candidates to match Mr Hague's pledge to submit himself to an immediate conference of members for endorsement if elected.

John Redwood, another of the six candidates, said: "It is a perfect resolution. The new leader will be chosen under a system which has the unanimous backing of the 1922 Committee and the full support of the voluntary wing of the party."

The 18-strong 1922 executive agreed yesterday morning that there should be no change in the present method of electing the leader and Sir Archibald saw Mr Hodgson at lunchtime. Mr Hodgson apparently reluctantly accepted that the MPs would not be moved and was reported to have backed the deal. Later a full meeting of the party's MPs decided in less than 10 minutes to hold the contest on the present rules.

The six candidates will therefore face their first ballot on June 10. If no candidate achieves an overall majority, there will be a second ballot a week later. If there is still no outright majority, the two top candidates will hold a run-off two days later on June 19.

Sir Archibald will then present options for the new election rules to the 1922 Committee before the summer recess. These will be considered by the party conference in the autumn and the committee is expected to vote on the plans by the end of the year.

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Pavlos Georgiou arrives at Larnaca yesterday where he swaggered into court, joked with photographers and seemed to enjoy his celebrity status



Janette Pink escorted by her mother

## Cypriot forced to attend Aids trial

FROM DANIEL McGROarty  
IN LARNACA

DETECTIVES were ordered by a Cypriot judge to arrest a fisherman accused of infecting his British lover with Aids after he admitted himself into a clinic hours before his trial was due to begin yesterday.

Janette Pink looked distraught and confused as her unprecedented legal challenge began in a Larnaca court without the man she accuses of sentencing her to death. For six hours she waited in the stifling court precincts, unsure whether Pavlos Georgiou, 40, would be brought from the Aids ward at the city's general hospital a mile away.

Mr Georgiou's doctor had explained that the father of four, who has HIV and whose wife had died of

the disease, was suddenly fearful yesterday that he was developing dangerous symptoms of the virus.

She shook her head in disgust when the court was told how Mr Georgiou complained that he had a fever only two hours before the case was due to start. The judge looked equally incredulous when Dr Yiannis Demetriadis conceded that his patient's temperature had been found to be normal. The judge immediately sent police to the hospital.

Maria Malachatou, the state prosecutor, underlined the urgency of hearing Mrs Pink's testimony. "She has great health problems which makes her appearance in court in the future very doubtful," the prosecutor said.

When he eventually arrived in the

afternoon, Mr Georgiou, a muscular and heavily built man, appeared a picture of health as he climbed from the police car, gave a thumbs up to cameramen and swaggered into the crowded court, apparently enjoying his celebrity status.

If convicted, he faces up to two years in prison or a £1,800 fine. Mr Georgiou denies the charge.

Mrs Pink, 45, was already in court with her parents, Victor and Sylvia Rushion, when Mr Georgiou arrived. When the moment came after her ten-month campaign to confront the man she says knowingly infected her, she could not look him in the eye. Instead she stared ahead while her father threw a protective arm around her.

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## Cambridge top again

Cambridge tops The Times ranking of universities for the fifth successive year, extending its narrow lead over Oxford. St Andrews emerges as Scotland's finest.

The league table, which compares the 96 universities on eight measures, was altered to give extra weight to official assessments of teaching and research. Pages 38, 39

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## Leggings ban

Miniskirts and leggings have been banned by the new regime in the Democratic Republic of Congo. A radio station said that clothes which display the female figure should not be worn and that women should dress themselves with "decency" in public..... Page 16

## Methodists act over sex abuse by church officials

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

MEN in the Methodist church, including ministers and lay workers, are sexually abusing women with whom they come into contact, according to a Methodist Church report.

In an unprecedented acknowledgement of the gravity of the situation, the Methodist Conference will observe a moment of silence "as a mark of sorrow" when it meets in London next month.

A tiny fraction of the church's 3,600 ministers and 10,000 preachers are involved and only a minority of the country's 1.2 million Methodists have experienced abuse or been abusers. But the situation is considered sufficiently serious for the church to be planning a review of disciplinary procedures. A task force to monitor the progress of vic-

tims of sexual abuse may be set up.

The report was written by a working party after all district chairmen were asked in 1996 about disciplinary matters over the previous 15 years.

Of 65 cases of sexual harassment, 55 involved men against women or girls; five were men against men; three involved women against men and two involved women against other women.

But the report says: "Of the total of 65 cases involving complaints of harassment, perhaps the most worrying feature is the significant number in which the resignation of the minister effectively pre-empted disciplinary action."

The church uses a disciplinary court system where a panel of six hears cases in private. Many ministers avoid

these by resigning as soon as a complaint is made. And many victims find the strain of making the complaint difficult to bear.

The report says the church is often seen as a haven for people experiencing difficulty and who are seeking to have their innermost needs met.

"Nevertheless it is in the act of seeking help and support at times of trouble that some of the women we have heard from have made themselves more vulnerable to the potential for harassment."

The Methodist church last night emphasised that it does not consider the problem to be any worse in the church than in other organisations but it wants to set a lead by confronting it head on.

Methodist action, page 4

## 'Mail' proprietor switches to Labour

BY JAMES LANDALE AND CAROL MIDGELY

VISCOUNT Rothermere, proprietor of the *Daily Mail*, which supports the Tories, has joined the Labour benches in the House of Lords.

The chairman of the Daily Mail and General Trust, parent company of the Associated Newspapers group, sat on the government benches on Wednesday afternoon during the final day's debate on the Queen's Speech.

Last night Lord Rothermere said: "Paul Dacre editor of the *Daily Mail* is a great editor and I have a very good relationship with him, but we do not always share exactly the same views on politics."

Lord Rothermere, 71, is listed in *Dod's Parliamentary Companion*, the bible of the Palace of Westminster, as sitting as a Conservative since he inherited his title from his father in 1978. His grandfather

and father, the first and second viscounts, sat on the Liberal benches.

However, the present holder of the title does not appear on the Opposition whip's list of Conservative peers and there was confusion last night as to his formal political allegiance in the Lords. The House's information office said that Lord Rothermere had not attended the Lords for at least the past two parliamentary sessions, effectively since 1995. According to Lords' records, Lord Rothermere had not sworn the oath of allegiance for the past two sessions and therefore was unable to take his seat.

A spokesman for the peer said: "If he had attended, he would probably have sat on the crossbenches." However, Lord Rothermere swore the oath on Wednesday May 7, the

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## England clean up their act — and win

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE England cricket team, under pressure to smarten up both their play and their dress, did just that at Headingley yesterday. They rang the changes with a tidy victory, after a shaky start, over Australia and turned in a solid team performance in the fashion stakes.

The Surrey pair Adam Hollioake and Graham Thorpe rescued England to give the home side a six-wicket victory in the first one-day international. Hollioake,

who was named man-of-the-match, ended the game with a mighty six over square-leg to finish with an unbeaten 66, his first international 50.

Thorpe made the top score with 75, his 12th international half-century, as England set 171 to win, reached the target in 40.1 of their 50 overs. The left-hander overcame the threat of Shane Warne, who switched ends twice but never settled down on a cold, dark day.

The England captain Mike Atherton said: "We bowled and fielded well and

then Adam and Graham saw us home from a difficult position."

Earlier this week it emerged that the England team had been issued with a 28-page rule book with strict instructions on their dress, diet and deportment. Yesterday they duly turned out in smart uniform kit with the England and Wales cricket board crest of a coronet and three lions and for the television interviews they were wore traditional cricket caps.

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# Man wins second chance to prevent wife's abortion

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH



A HUSBAND attempting to stop his estranged wife from having an abortion will continue his fight in the appeal court today after earlier fearing the termination might have already taken place.

James Kelly, 28, from Inverkeithing, Fife, succeeded yesterday in having a temporary ban on the operation reinstated 24 hours after it had been lifted, only to hear he might have been too late.

As he lodged his appeal yesterday the court was told by lawyers for his wife, Lynne, 21, a cabaret singer; that she might have taken advantage of the one-day delay in proceedings to abort the foetus. Anne Smith, QC, for Mrs Kelly, told the three appeal judges at the Second Division of the Court of Session in Edinburgh that as she spoke the operation might have already begun.

She told Lord Cullen, the Lord Justice Clerk, sitting with Lords Sutherland and Wylie: "I should advise the court that those instructing me learnt last night from her father, that a termination operator was planned for this morning. That operation will either now have taken place or be in the course of taking place."

The judges decided to reimpose the court ban and a copy was faxed to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, where the termination was thought to be taking place. It was confirmed later that Mrs Kelly had not ended the pregnancy.

The battle over the baby

courts and ruled that a husband had no rights in law to interfere with the decision of his wife or her doctors.

Mr Kelly immediately instructed his solicitors to appeal and at the preliminary hearing yesterday the judgment was overturned and the temporary ban reimposed pending the full appeal today.

Brendan Gerard, for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, said he was relieved to hear the foetus was alive. He said the case highlighted the need for a tighter abortion law in which there had to be medical reasons for a termination.

Mr Kelly is seeking custody of his daughter and the unborn baby, who he insists he wants to bring up himself. He claims his wife gave false information to doctors about his violence and therefore their decision was based on incorrect information. Mrs Kelly strongly disputes that.

Professor Sheila McLean, director of medical law and ethics at the University of Glasgow, expressed surprise over the ban. "I will be interested to see on what grounds the husband's appeal has been based," she said. "I expect he will challenge the decision of the doctors, as clearly fathers have no rights in law to intervene."

Wendy Sheehan, Mr Kelly's solicitor, said: "He is not viewed as having parental rights over a child not yet born. The main legal question therefore is does he have the right to bring the action at all?"

begin last Thursday when Mr Kelly, a roofer, was granted an emergency interim injunction stopping his wife, who is three months pregnant, from having an abortion. The operation was due to proceed the following day. He is thought to be the first father in Britain to be granted the legal means to delay, even temporarily, an abortion taking place.

The couple had separated two weeks earlier after a short but stormy marriage in which each accused the other of violence and neglecting their 18-month-old daughter, Hazel. In seeking an abortion Mrs Kelly told doctors her husband was violent, something he denied.

On Wednesday, after a full hearing in private, the abortion ban was recalled by Lord Easie at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. He upheld earlier decisions by English

FOUR women who endured five days marooned in atrocious weather on a disintegrating Arctic Ocean ice pack arrived back in Britain yesterday.

The four, part of the first all-female expedition to the North Pole, had eaten the last of their food and were enduring temperatures of -40C

before a supply plane finally managed to reach them. Rosie Clayton, 37, the Queen Mother's great-niece, was in the party, which had managed to complete its 10-nautical-mile leg of the expedition before the weather closed in.

Sarah Jones, 28, Juliette May, 33, and Andre Chadwick, 32, made up the rest of the group for "Penguin Team Delta", one of five teams in the

polar relay. They were greeted by family and friends at Heathrow airport, London. Mrs May was met by her husband Fred, who has been minding their son Jack. He said: "I have had a two-year-old son to look after so I think we have been expending as many calories as they have."

Mrs Clayton said: "It is great to be back. It was beautiful out there but it

was hard and tough and such an expedition is by nature frightening." She added: "We were never really worried about our safety because we had been well trained."

Mrs Clayton said she hoped the final group — Zoi Hudson, Lucy Roberts, Pam Oliver and Caroline Hamilton, the expedition leader — would become the first all-woman team to reach the Pole.

## Ice girls fly home after five-day Polar ordeal

By TIM JONES

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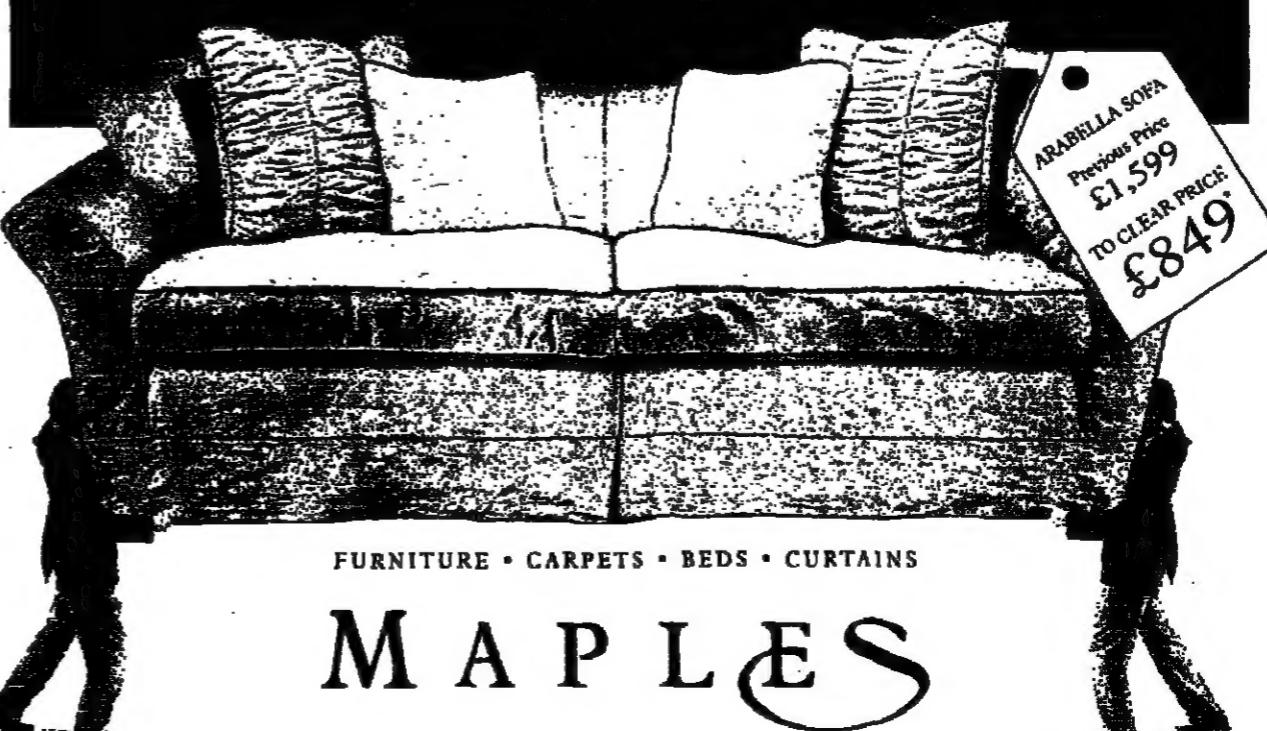
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## Cyclist is fined £700 for road rage punch

By LIN JENKINS



A CYCLIST flung down his machine in the path of traffic and punched a woman driver in a fit of "road rage" after she sounded her horn at him, a court was told yesterday.

Anthony Arden, 53, walked up to the open window of a car being driven by Carole Buncle, advertising director of *Vanity Fair*, and punched her on the right cheek. Her screams of shock alerted two police officers.

Bill Whealdon, for the prosecution at Horseshoe Road Magistrates' Court, central London, said the incident near Hyde Park Corner was the latest of a series of "road rage" cases to reach the court.

The incident had happened when Arden, a property developer, had "cut up" Ms Buncle's car on his bike at traffic lights last April. Ms Buncle hooted her horn and shouted: "What are you doing?"

Arden, of Marylebone, pleaded guilty to common assault and was fined £700 and ordered to pay £250 compensation to his victim.

He said he had no idea why he had attacked Ms Buncle but added that he had been taking the anti-depressant drug Prozac.

## Royal visit will make history on Internet

By NICK NUTTALL

THE Queen will today become the first reigning monarch to appear live on the Internet. Images of her opening a factory in northeast England will be available on computers around the world.

The idea was developed by Siemens, the electronics company, whose £1 billion semiconductor plant on north Tyneside the Queen will be opening.

A spokesman for Buckingham Palace said yesterday that the Queen considered the Internet "an interesting development... and she has been kept informed".

Tarantulas are widely available and easily maintained, the researchers from Ninewells Hospital in Dundee write in the *British Medical Journal*. Unfortunately, the popular American varieties have evolved detachable hairs that cause stinging rashes.

Two patients who owned Chilean Rose tarantulas had inadvertently transferred the hairs to their eyes after handling the spiders. Despite treatment, their eyes remained inflamed and painful after six years.

James Gardner, of Demon Internet, which is providing the service for Siemens, said:

"The Queen will be able to see on the Net. She will

visit a training area at the factory where there will be a computer showing the event."

The visit will be shown from about 12.15pm at <http://www.siemens.demon.net/>

## Cambridge classicists fail grade for Latin epigram

By DAVID CHARTER

The decline of Classics was blamed yesterday for Cambridge University's decision to withhold an annual award once won by Coleridge, for the composition of a Latin poem.

Dons had hoped for some lively submissions inspired by this year's chosen theme: Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker. But none of the handful of epigrams they received was deemed good enough to win the Sir William Browne Medal, first given in the 18th century.

Professor James Diggle, a judge and previous winner of the medal for his 1984 poem on unilateral nuclear disarmament, said: "If you look back to when I was an undergraduate a lot more people composed Greek and Latin verse. But with the gradual reduction in Greek and Latin taught in schools, they have to spend more of their time on basic language work here and do not get to the standards of the past."

Four medals are usually awarded every year, one Latin and one

Greek, and two for longer ones, again one Latin and one Greek. Although there are 250 classics students at Cambridge, all three went to one student, Matthew McCullagh of Trinity College.

Professor Diggle said, the study of Classics at Cambridge had changed in recent years to focus more on cultural and historical areas. "To get three out of four medals is really quite good going. We just don't get people prepared to spend that amount of time writing these things."

Miss Boothroyd commented:

*The Times* today tries its hand where Cambridge's finest scholars failed. Our columnist Philip Howard was inspired by the thought of Betty Boothroyd to compose the following epigram:

*Capia verborum et vis et mala fama Senatus  
Conturbabit? Superest Curia paene, clamans,  
Fligitatione Patrum Conscriptorumque tumultum?  
Desine Praefectum querere. Quare, Deinde!*

Which in translation means: Is the House of Commons in an uproar with excess verbosity and shouting and impudent language? Are you crying at the box that Parliament cannot survive the spleen and bad behaviour of its MPs? Stop looking for a male Speaker. Send for Betty.

I'm disappointed that I failed to provide inspiration for the undergraduates of Cambridge, but I wonder if it may have had something to do with the second-class political status of women in ancient Greece."

An epigram is a pithy poem usually of four lines, which conveys an amusing point and has an ingenious turn at the end. The Cambridge judges were looking for one which obeyed strict rules of metre, with non-rhyming couplets in alternating hexameter and pentameter.

## Pope hails Augustine as Apostle of English

By RUTH GLEDHILL

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE** May 21—The Queen has sent a letter to Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, in which she prays for unity "without seam or tear".

The letter comes as the Christian community prepares for the focal point of the celebrations, a service for pilgrims from all the churches at Canterbury Cathedral on Monday, at which the Prince of Wales will be present and when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, will preach. On Tuesday, Benedictine monks from Anglican and Roman Catholic monasteries throughout Britain will sing Latin vespers at Canterbury, when Cardinal Hume will preach.

The Pope makes clear the importance he is attaching to the celebrations. He describes Augustine as "the Apostle of the English" and says his mission consolidated Christianity in Britain, giving it strong links with Rome.



David Gamble: "We have no reason to believe the problem is worse than elsewhere"

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## Church workers 'betrayed the trust placed in them'

THE Methodist Church is the first mainstream denomination to address the issue of sexual harassment of adults by clergy or lay workers.

A working party was set up on the recommendation of the Methodist Church's executive in 1995 because it was felt disciplinary procedures were not working effectively. The working party, convened by the Rev David Gamble, received 28 written submissions and 11 oral accounts of harassment incidents. Identities of the victims have been closely guarded.

Mr Gamble, family and personal relationships secretary, said: "We were aware of the issue and felt it was appropriate to find out what the situation is and come up with an effective response. But we have absolutely no reason to believe the problem is worse than anywhere else."

"We are simply trying to be at the front of the field in terms of good practice. The Church sets itself up to be a safe place and that means we have a duty to make sure that it is so."

The report says that in rare cases reporting an abuse resulted in an immediate and positive response but in many

In an unprecedented move, Methodist leaders have acknowledged that women have been abused by clergy or lay workers. Ruth Gledhill reports

others excuses were given. In one case a counsellor refused to act because he was about to go on holiday. Another was advised: "Say nothing because no-one will believe you and the church people will close ranks against you because the church's reputation is more important than the individual."

A woman who has been harassed for 20 years by a leading figure in the Church is still suffering harassment but refuses to take formal action because of her concerns for the man's family. Another says: "Who would believe my word, an unknown, young, single laywoman against a well-known, middle-aged married minister?"

Many cases grew out of a relationship where the man was in a position of authority, such as a pastoral or counselling relationship. In three

cases the woman was below or had just reached the age of consent. In one case a full sexual relationship began as soon as the woman reached 16.

Other cases arose where women entering the ministry became close to male colleagues and were subjected to unwanted advances. One male minister told a woman: "If you want to be one of us you will just have to put up with us."

One woman told of what happened after she was accepted for training for the ministry. "Soon after I told my minister of my call to the ministry he came to my house telling me he wanted my help," she said.

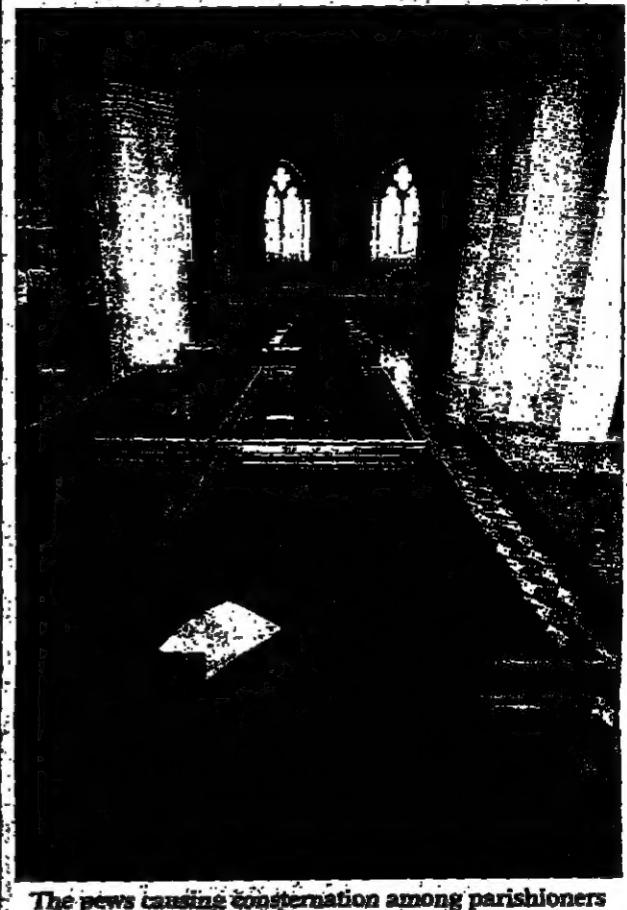
There were things he could not share easily with his wife as she was not interested in them or him. He would like me, he said, to be his confidante. Frankly, I was flat-

tered. I was young and, I guess, gullible, and it seemed a great honour."

He began to visit her, greeting her with a hug and a peck on the cheek. "I accepted this as a sign of trust and friendship," she said.

But, one day he tried to fondle her bottom as she was making coffee. She tried to put it out of her mind. Some time later he drove her to the district syndicate and on the way home suggested they stopped for a drink. They had a couple of glasses and at her home he followed her in and tried to kiss her. She was too embarrassed to confront him and assumed he would accuse her of leading him on. It never occurred to her to complain.

In the Church of England, the Oxford diocese has published guidelines for clergy on how to avoid being compromised in situations of pastoral care. In the Roman Catholic Church of England and Wales, pastoral and procedural guidelines were published in 1994 on how to deal with allegations of child abuse against clergy, starting from the premise that the allegations were true.



The pews causing consternation among parishioners

## Cranmer church falling between chairs and pews

By A STAFF REPORTER

REVOLUTIONARY thinking worthy of Thomas Cranmer, a former rector, is sweeping through an 800-year-old church in Hereford and Worcester. And not all the congregation is being swept along with it.

St Giles Church at Breton, where Cranmer, the first Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, took up his first humble post, is considering ripping out 16th century oak pews and replacing them with more comfortable chairs.

Cranmer, who went on to compile the First Prayer Book and was responsible for declaring four of Henry VIII's marriages invalid, fell out of favour in the reign of Mary and was burnt as a heretic.

The reaction in Breton to the possible fate of the pews may not be quite as harsh, but parishioners cannot dispense their disgust.

Ruth Hall, chairman of the Friends of St Giles, said: "I am not in favour of this suggestion at all. The pews are pretty special and I certainly don't approve of replacing them with chairs."

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## Island romance that ended in a death sentence

Daniel McGrory reports from Larnaca on the British divorcee and mother of two accusing a Cypriot fisherman of infecting her with Aids

FOR the briefest of moments, as Janette Pink began her testimony in a Cyprus courtroom yesterday, she stole a sidelong glance at the man she once loved, who sat barely ten yards away. As he fidgeted with his green T-shirt, advertising one of his favourite drinking haunts on the island, she narrowed her eyes and quickly looked away.

Pavlos Georgiou, 40, had been brought on a judge's orders from an Aids hospital ward a mile away, where he had admitted himself hours before standing trial in Larnaca accused of infecting his British lover with Aids.

For the next two hours, as the divorced mother of two recounted how their affair had begun in 1994, she avoided looking across at the dock where at times Mr Georgiou was barely visible as he slouched low in his chair, staring constantly at the floor.

Her black and white print dress hung limply from her emaciated body as she described in detail how their friendship, which began after she moved to the holiday island after her divorce in 1993, turned from a love affair to a death sentence.

Never once did she lose her composure as she admitted her naivety at having unprotected sex with Mr Georgiou and how, after being diagnosed as HIV, she became pregnant by him and had an abortion. Asked by Maria Malachou, the chief prosecutor, why she had not used a condom, she said: "We were not two youngsters having lots of affairs. It never occurred to

us... We had both been in marriages with children for 20 years, so it did not enter into my head."

Friends on the island sold her on a newspaper article which suggested Mr Georgiou's four children but grew too weak from the illness to cook and clean for him. She described being frightened of his violent temper and his assaults on his children, and moved back to her apartment. As her weight dropped to less than five stones she returned to Britain and began her campaign to prosecute Mr Georgiou. "He said it was lies because people were jealous of him." He showed her a life insurance policy that he had just taken out as proof he did not have Aids.

Mrs Pink was persuaded by friends to have an Aids test in March 1994, which proved negative. Later that summer Mr Georgiou's 34-year-old wife died in London. A test in Nicosia in October 1994 proved she was infected.

"I told Pavlos, I know Martha died of Aids; I know you are HIV and I know you have infected me," I asked him why he did not tell me. He did not have an answer. He did not apologise."

She explained why she decided to stay with him in the resort of Ayia Napa rather than return home to her parents in Basildon, Essex. "It made sense if we were both infected to stay together. I loved him."

In January 1996 she discovered she was pregnant. By now she knew that Mr Georgiou's youngest son, Rafael, now four, was born with

The case continues.

## Teacher disciplined for prom night kiss

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MARRIED French teacher has been disciplined after allegedly accepting a kiss from a sixth-form boy at a school prom a year ago.

Jane Wardman, head of languages at Prince Henry's Grammar School in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, will, however, be allowed to return to her post at the comprehensive school after appearing before the governing body's disciplinary sub-committee.

Mrs Wardman has been on sick leave for nearly 12 months after the party at the Craiglands Hotel in Ilkley. Students at the sixth-form leaving prom said a male sixth-former who seemed the worse for drink gave her a peck on the cheek.

A former pupil who was at the party said: "I didn't see

what happened, but we later found out that one of the lads, who was drunk, had kissed Mrs Wardman on the cheek. I think the whole thing has been blown out of all proportion. The student involved has not been named."

The school governors issued a short statement which read: "A hearing has taken place before a panel of the school's governing body to consider Mrs Wardman's professional conduct and her health."

Details of the hearing are confidential between the panel and Mrs Wardman but the outcome of the hearing is that Mrs Wardman will resume her duties as soon as possible. The governing body have no further comment to make."

Michael Franklin, the school's head teacher, said: "In view of the fact that the governing body's disciplinary sub-committee has met and made a decision, it would be inappropriate for me to say anything else."

He went on: "Mrs Wardman has been on sick leave and continues to be on sick leave. I am not in a position to comment upon any other aspects of the matter."

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DIANA, Princess of Wales, arrived in Pakistan yesterday to help raise money for her friend Imran Khan's cancer hospital for the poor.

The Princess stayed cool in the 104 degree heat with traditional outfits. She stepped from billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith's private Boeing 757 in a powder-blue shalwar kameez, then changed to turquoise and kingfisher blue. The Princess arrived at Lahore with former Pakistan cricket captain Imran's British-born wife Jemima — Sir James's daughter — and the Khan's six-month-old son Sulaiman. After changing, Diana was driven with Jemima to Imran's cancer hospital for the main business of the day: a fundraising lunch of lamb and chicken at £750 a head — with 60 of Lahore's richest VIPs. Imran has enlisted the Princess's help to launch a new £17 million endowment appeal to secure long-term finance for the free hospital for the poor.

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## Schoolboy dies of heart attack after taking GCSE exam

BY MICHAEL HORNELL

A SCHOOLBOY died from a heart attack 20 minutes after finishing a GCSE history examination, it was disclosed yesterday. Thomas Hemming, 16, had had successful surgery for a heart condition as a baby.

He had ridden his new bicycle through the gates at Wymondham High School in Wymondham, Norfolk, on Tuesday when he lost control and crashed into a wall. Paramedics were unable to revive him and police at first treated his death as a road accident. But a post-mortem showed he had suffered no serious injuries and had died of a heart attack.

The teenager, who was sitting nine GCSEs, started his exams on Monday with geography. He died after sitting his second exam, the 40-minute history paper.

Roselies Hemming, his grandmother, said yesterday

me he saw him riding up the road perfectly well and not fooling around in any way. He certainly was not racing. Then he lost control and hit a wall. He tried to stand up, but collapsed. A lot of children saw what happened and were very distressed.

The stress of the exam might have contributed, but Thomas was very confident and did not seem worried about his GCSEs. He had worked hard and expected to do quite well. He was a happy-go-lucky youngster who did not suffer from anxiety. He certainly did not work himself to death."

Thomas was born with the two main arteries to his heart transposed and had open-heart surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London when he was nine months old. Doctors were confident he should lead a normal life. A slightly irregular heartbeat was detected at a check-up last



Thomas Hemming, who was described by his father as fit as a fiddle and the life and soul of any party

August and he was placed on a monitor for a day. However, doctors said there was no cause for concern.

Mr Hemming said: "He was as fit as a fiddle after he had his heart operation as a baby. He was the life and soul of any party and was a very

popular lad with loads of friends. He was very easy-going and never showed he was under any stress. He was a bright lad and had done some work for his exams but he never worried about them. I just think that he could have died at any time."

## Tension and excitement can affect the vulnerable

Thomas Hemming had open-heart surgery in infancy to correct a congenital heart condition known as transposition of the great vessels.

The basic problem is that the aorta rises directly from the right ventricle and the pulmonary artery from the left. In the normal person, the reverse applies. As a result of the abnormality, un oxygenated blood is directed around the body and the tissues are starved of oxygen, the majority of the oxygenated blood going back to the lungs. Sufferers become so dangerously breathless that they are perpetually cyanosed (blue). Normal development is impossible because all the tissues are deprived of the essential oxygen.

Open-heart surgery now gives these children the opportunity to live normal lives, although the final degree of success of the operation depends on how many, if any, other congenital abnormalities associated with the transposition are present. The site of the trouble, near the conducting pathways of the heart, is one reason why children who have had trans-

### MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

quently triggers an irregular action of the heart in a vulnerable patient. However, parents can be confident that, although taking examinations is stressful, they will not cause heart attacks in children without underlying disease.

Thanks to modern surgery, Thomas Hemming survived a condition that previously killed the majority of babies born with it. The few survivors from childhood used to die as teenagers, having had an invalid life. Now the majority of patients are able to live normal lives, play games, as Thomas did, and take part in all other activities. It is possible that Thomas was one of the unlucky few who later developed potentially fatal cardiac arrhythmia.

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## Satellite dish puts the lid on soggy microwave pies

THE Iceland frozen food chain has used satellite technology to produce a pie that emerges from the microwave oven with crisp pastry.

The 99p pie has a special lid and tray with antennae that reflect and deflect the microwave oven's rays, so that the pastry crisps and browns instead of becoming soggy as the pie heats up within.

Tested against traditionally cooked pies, the chicken and vegetable recipe surprised critics who believed that microwave ovens could never produce satisfactory pastry.

Advertised promotions include:

Asda: sirloin steak £7.95 a kg, oven/fry chips 85p for 90g, garlic mushroom pizza 89p for 400g, cauliflower/broccoli florets with free cheese sauce mix 89p for 400g.

Sainsbury's: chicken fillets 14.25 for four (510g), fresh salmon steaks £7.95 a kg, trout fillet £4.95 a lb, whole prawns 59p a lb, cauliflower 85p each, closed-cup mushrooms 99p a lb.

Waitrose: mini Melton Mowbray pork pies £1.35 for six, quiche lorraine £2.79 for 600g, blended olive oil £2.19 for 500ml, Florida pink grapefruit juice 79p lit.

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# Food and drinks firms accused over sugar-free claims

By GLEN OWEN



One of 80 products said to break label laws

ALMOST half the claims for sugar-free food and drink are false and their labels often "irrelevant, irresponsible, illegal or illegible", a conference was told yesterday.

An analysis of more than 1,400 products by Action and Information on Sugars — a voluntary group of health professionals — found that misleading information about sugar levels was common on supermarket shelves.

Jack Winkler, the group's chairman, said: "According to the last national survey of eating habits, people need to cut their intake of sugars by 30 per cent, but manufacturers are making it hard for them by disguising sugar levels."

He told the group's conference in London: "Many labels are irrelevant, irresponsible, illegal or illegible." Labelling practice was like a pair of fishnet tights: "It gives the appearance of full coverage but is actually full of holes."

He said that the group had found more than 80 products that broke the law by claiming low sugar levels without specifying them, including 7Up from Brivac, Oasis from Coca-Cola, Schweppes and Del Monte's canned fruits.

The report discovered 280 other products with legal but misleading claims, such as "no added sugar" on goods containing high levels of sugar.

Dr Winkler said that he was also concerned about the growth of "high energy" drinks, supposedly linked to increased sporting performance, which he said were simply drinks with a lot of sugar in them. "Unsubstantiated claims exploit the aspirations of young consumers."

He said that the group would be lobbying the Ministry of Agriculture and the nascent Food Standards Agency for a legal definition of sugar and financial penalties for transgressors.

Brivac and Coca-Cola Schweppes referred queries on their sugar claims to the British Soft Drinks Association. An association spokeswoman said: "All ingredients on our products are strictly regulated by the Government and must be clearly detailed on the ingredients panel. Whenever a new product is launched, the drinks companies consult closely with trading standards officers to make sure that the labels meet legislative requirements."

The group's researchers say the levels of sugar lurking under the labels varied widely. The "sugar-free" declaration on Wrigley's Orbit Gum was accurate but the same claim on Safeway's Instant Custard Mix disguised 26 grams of sugar. "No added sugar" on Asda's Swiss Style Muesli meant 1.3 grams of sugar and on Safeway's Wholeheat cereal it represented 28 grams.

■ Quaker Oats called for a change in the law to let it claim on packets that porridge helps to prevent heart disease. It complained at a Royal Society of Medicine seminar on food labelling that it was restricted to saying oats could reduce blood cholesterol. Consumers needed to know that lower blood cholesterol was good for the heart.

"We have been encouraging that it

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By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### BA aircraft in near-miss on runway

A British Airways 747 avoided a collision by seconds after air-traffic controllers shouted a warning that a plane had strayed into its path. Six tyres burst as the crew brought it to a halt 1,000ft from the other plane at Chicago airport. The London-bound passengers were unhurt because they were strapped in for take-off.

### BBC apologises

The BBC made a public apology in the High Court to the Outward Bound Trust over allegations on Radio 4 that the educational charity had employed paedophiles and child abusers.

### Rafting death

A student died after his white-water raft capsized at the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont, near Nottingham. The 31-year-old, from Norwich, was rafting on the slalom course.

### Chainstore fined

Laura Ashley was fined £3,500 by magistrates yesterday after admitting nine charges of placing misleading prices on products in its stores in King's Lynn and Norwich, Norfolk.

### £13,800 teddy

A teddy bear rescued from a house clearance in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1923 was sold for £13,800 by Christie's in London. The rare black bear, made by Steiff, went to a collector in Florida.

## Bus passenger loses fare fight

By PAUL WILKINSON

A PROFESSOR who attempted to sue his local bus company for the price of a taxi ride he was forced to take because his bus failed to turn up lost his case yesterday.

Dr Robert Stanton, 77, who helped to pioneer the development of the meat substitute Quorn, sued the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive for his £2.80 fare home last March.

The Professor of Botany, who lectured at the University of Malaya for eight years, said he had been left stranded by the mini-bus service introduced between Haworth and his home village of Stanbury while a road was closed due to strengthening work on a bridge. The transport executive said it was not responsible for Calder Coaches, which ran the link. At a hearing held

in private at Leeds County Court the judge found in favour of the executive after hearing that Dr Stanton had been away on holiday at the time it advertised the alternative bus times for the route.

Speaking outside the court,

Dr Stanton said: "I have lost because the bus company has no statutory duty to the customer: I am convinced the bus traveller is seen as a second-class citizen in this country. I tried to point out to them today that Switzerland and Singapore both have excellent bus systems and it was about time Britain caught up."

Dr Stanton, who is also an expert in agriculture, horticulture and microbiogenetics, added: "They have not won the moral argument. I hope someone younger will bring a similar claim."

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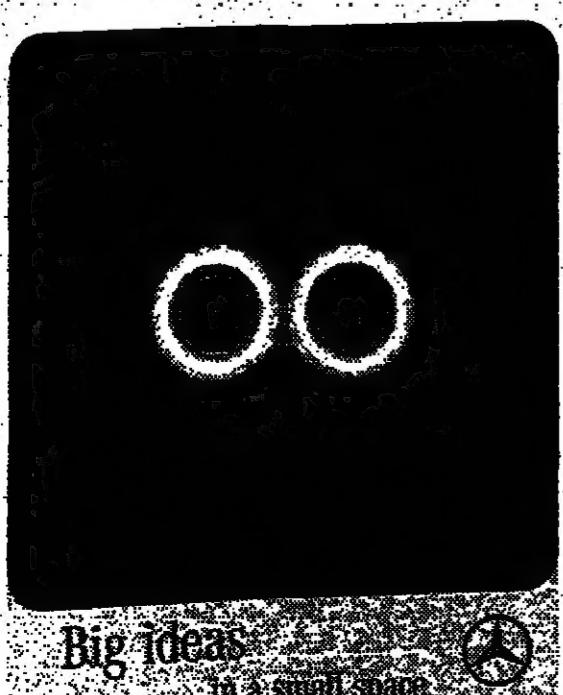
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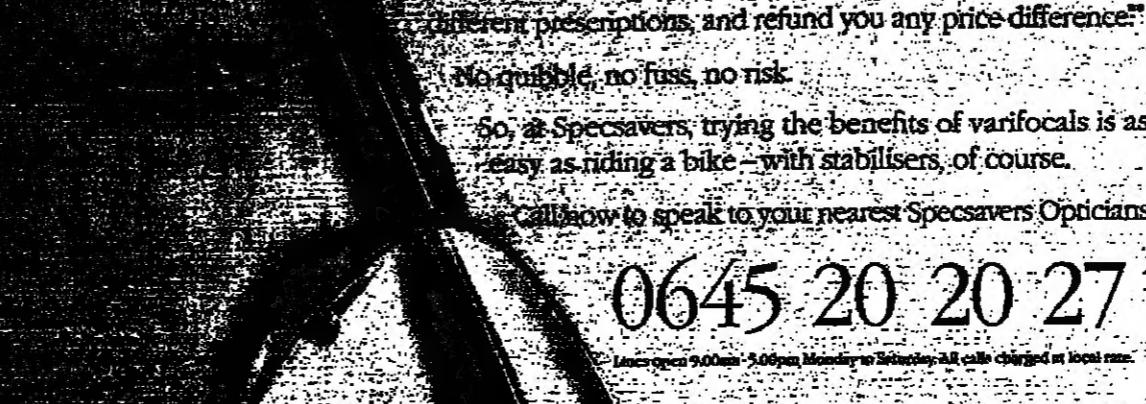
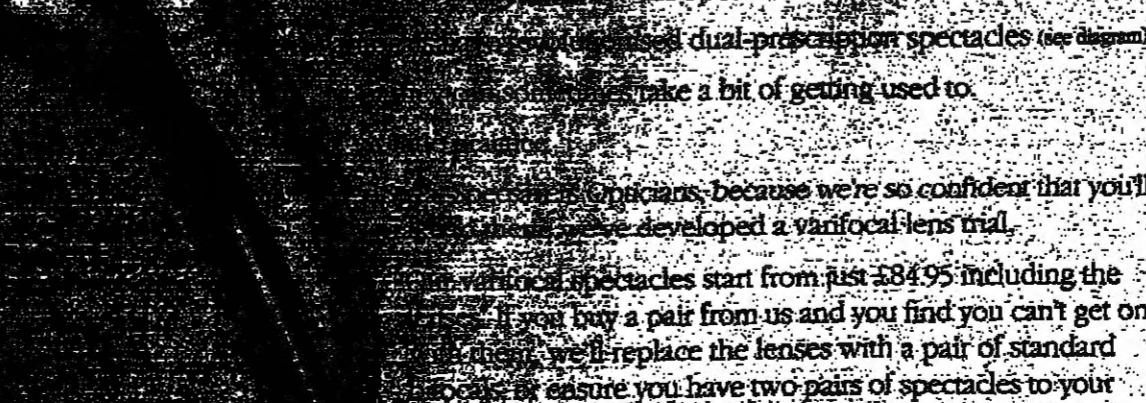
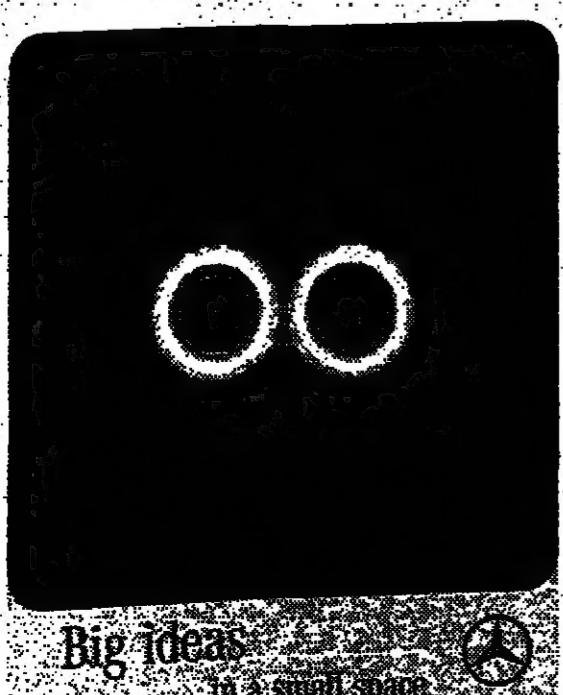
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An outburst by the President after an overdose death has prompted soul-searching among style gurus

## Britain's fashion elite rejects blame for 'heroin chic'

By GRACE BRADSBURY, STYLE EDITOR

THE gurus of British fashion responded yesterday to an attack by President Clinton on "heroin chic" by saying that shots of hollow-eyed, wasted young models had had their day. They also denied promoting drug culture.

The President had accused the American fashion industry of glorifying drug addiction by using such images in major advertising campaigns. The "heroin chic" look originated in British magazines such as *i-D* and *The Face* in the early Nineties.

The President's speech was prompted by the death from a drug overdose of Davide Sorrenti, a 20-year-old fashion photographer, who specialised in pictures of emaciated models slumped in bathrooms. Sorrenti's mother, Francesca, herself a well-known photographer, last month sent an open letter to magazine editors and advertisers in America and Europe, saying: "Heroin chic isn't what we are projecting; it's what we are. Our business has become heroin chic."

Critics in America point to the high-profile advertising campaigns of Calvin Klein, which feature pale, androgynous models.

But Mrs Sorrenti pointed the finger at London for

promoting the look. "I think London has a much bigger problem with heroin than New York," she recently told *The Sunday Times*. "And I think all this 'London is hip' thing has made that scene very influential."

But British fashion editors and photographers deny that they ever produce photographs that could be construed as "heroin chic". They acknowledge that a realistic style dominated magazines at the start of the Nineties but insist it had nothing to do with drugs.

Yesterday Edward Enniful, the fashion editor of *i-D*, said: "The funny thing for me is that this whole thing happened in the early Nineties — people here are going back to beauty."

Jefferson Hack, the editor of *Dazed and Confused*, agreed: "Once President Clinton has picked up on it you can be sure fashion has moved on from that."

"I think his reaction was against American magazines. British fashion photographers were dealing with real people and real situations but it had nothing to do with heroin."

British photographers such as Corinne Day pioneered the bare-faced wif look at the start of the Nineties. Their

work inspired photographers and advertising directors worldwide.

Through a spokeswoman, Day said: "My photography is a pure image of a model, usually a friend of mine, photographed without make-up or lighting, sometimes whilst blinking," she said. "If these images are interpreted in any other way I only hope it will bring the issue of drugs to the surface."

The suggestion of drug-taking became more graphic when American magazines added darkened eyes and pell-mell skin to the British style and set the pictures in bathrooms. Editors argued that it provided an antidote to glossy perfection.

Despite sympathy for Mrs Sorrenti, British fashion insiders feel that the spotlight should be on America. A recent issue of *Detour* magazine featured photographs by Christian Witkin of a model lying on a bathroom floor, apparently drugged. The actress Juliette Lewis complained that it was a deliberate "junkie lay-out".

Fashion insiders yesterday said that rock music was the real culprit. But as one fashion journalist conceded: "Fashion photography takes a lot from rock'n'roll."

One of the shots by Christian Witkin, published in an American magazine, which critics claim glamorise drug abuse

Photo: Christian Witkin

glorifying death is not good for society."

The seeds of this outpouring can be found in an article in *The New York Times* about the death of a photographer who did little else but picture drug-dazed models, which "gophers" had clipped to the Presidential bedside reading file.

The problem, however, is that "heroin chic" has, to put it bluntly, gone right out of fashion in Ameri-

ca. "Happy" ads are now in, as is a wholesome, drug-free appearance. Designers now have little time for the etiolated, "syringe-jabber's look", and parents of young children across America are grateful for that. Critics attribute the demise of "heroin chic" to a simple factor: it had ceased to sell. Michael Gross, author of *Model: The Ugly Business of Beautiful Women*, said: "Fashion doesn't care what message it is

sending out as long as the message sells frocks. The point is not to addict them to heroin. The point is to addict them to clothing."

The consensus is that Mr Clinton has stated the obvious. "The glorification of heroin is a bad thing," Charles Grandee, associate editor of *Vogue*, said. "Who would disagree?"

But when the President says something, America listens. "Heroin chic" is bad. You'll hear that now?

## Price of a high lower as imports flood in

By RICHARD FORD

A SHARP drop in price has established heroin as the most fashionable drug in Britain. A kilogram costs £16,000 against £32,000 for cocaine, which is losing popularity among the "smart set".

Drug squad officers have been alarmed at the speed with which the price of heroin has dropped on the streets of London from £100 to £60 a gram — the average daily dose — as the drug has flooded in from Turkey during the past 12 months.

Scotland Yard believes that members of the Turkish community in north London are behind the burgeoning imports. Those involved have been legally resident in Britain for some years.

Detective Inspector Peter Scott said that heroin was now used by people from all social backgrounds. "We are talking about so many people who have got so many different needs and desires. Because it is more easily available it has become a more fashionable drug." Users generally started by smoking heroin but changed to injections when they became addicted, he said.

The conflict in the Balkans had made it much easier to smuggle heroin, Mr Scott added. It is often brought in along long-distance lorry routes: more than 470kg seized last year is believed to have arrived in this way.

Last month customs officers made their biggest seizure: the 250kg cache was kept in a warehouse at Hornsey, north London. Last year two officers on foot patrol discovered 25kg being carried in a holdall by a Turkish man on the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham.

The number of drug trafficking offences detected in the capital last year rose 26 per cent to 3,785. Nearly 24,000 drug possession offences were detected and there were 27,224 seizures of drugs.

## Clinton's homily on drugs offers American analysts a quick fix

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN  
IN NEW YORK

YOU do not have to be an avuncular President to set an agenda in America, nor even a particularly moral one. Just being the President is enough.

Bill Clinton has spoken out this week on two of America's perennial obsessions — drugs and fashion — and, suddenly, nobody can talk

about anything else. "Heroin chic" has swept to the top of the nation's blather-boards as analysts, leaders, writers, politicians and fashion gurus scramble to respond to the presidential homily.

Mr Clinton accused the American fashion industry of making heroin

seem "glamorous, sexy and cool", adding: "You do not need to glamourise addiction to sell clothes."

Mr Clinton continued, in a pas-

sage that should earn his speechwriter a stack of brownie points: "American fashion has been an enormous source of creativity and beauty and art and, frankly, economic prosperity for the United States. We should all value and respect that."

"But the glorification of heroin is not creative, it's destructive. It's not beautiful, it's ugly. This is not about art, it's about life and death. And

glorifying death is not good for society."

The seeds of this outpouring can be found in an article in *The New York Times* about the death of a photographer who did little else but picture drug-dazed models, which "gophers" had clipped to the Presidential bedside reading file.

The problem, however, is that "heroin chic" has, to put it bluntly, gone right out of fashion in Ameri-

ca. "Happy" ads are now in, as is a wholesome, drug-free appearance. Designers now have little time for the etiolated, "syringe-jabber's look", and parents of young children across America are grateful for that. Critics attribute the demise of "heroin chic" to a simple factor: it had ceased to sell. Michael Gross, author of *Model: The Ugly Business of Beautiful Women*, said: "Fashion doesn't care what message it is

sending out as long as the message sells frocks. The point is not to addict them to heroin. The point is to addict them to clothing."

The consensus is that Mr Clinton has stated the obvious. "The glorification of heroin is a bad thing," Charles Grandee, associate editor of *Vogue*, said. "Who would disagree?"

But when the President says something, America listens. "Heroin chic" is bad. You'll hear that now?

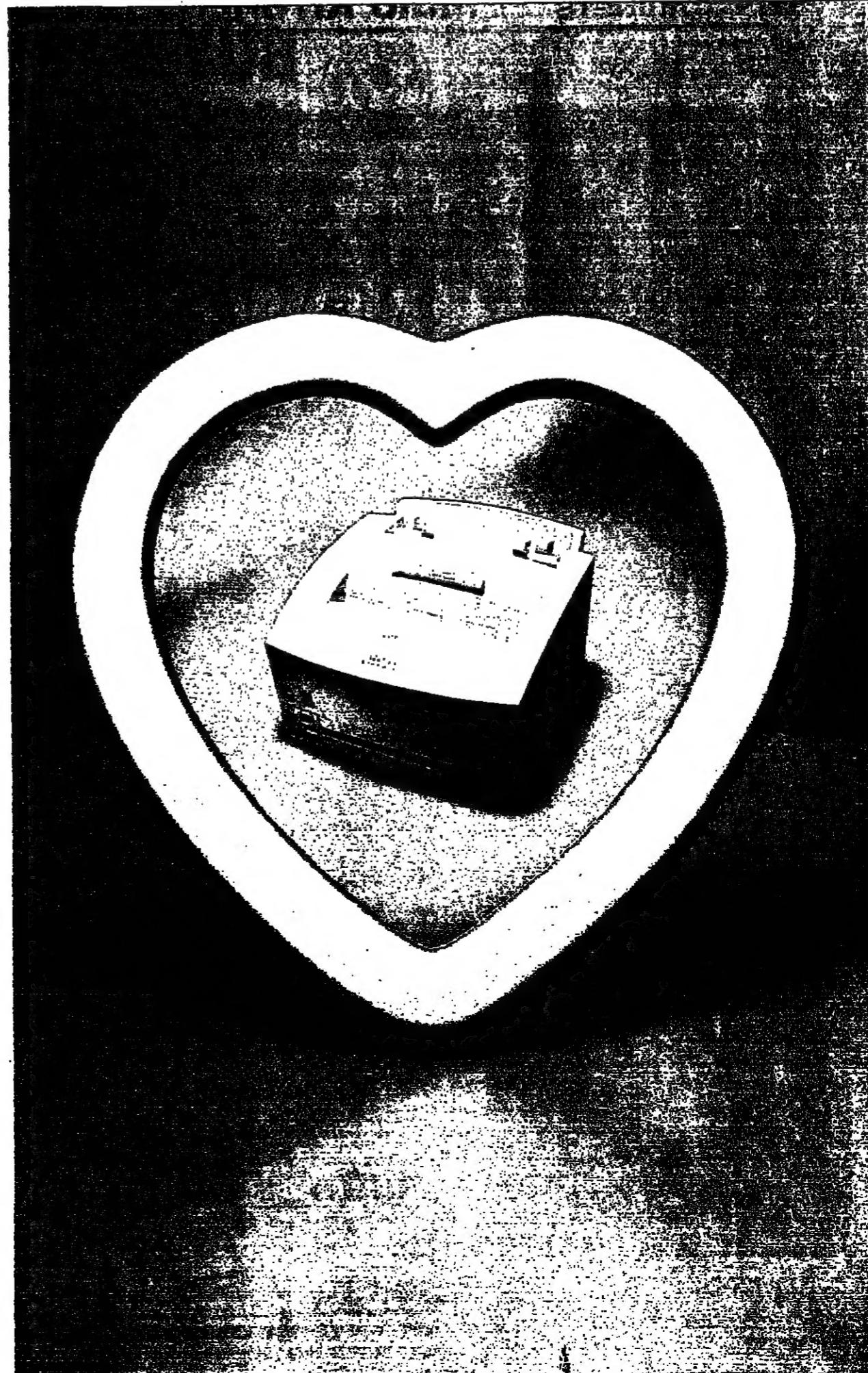
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# Redwood joins attack on Major's record

**Andrew Pierce** sees the leadership contenders pick holes in the Tory party's disastrous election campaign

JOHN MAJORS leadership of the Conservatives became the focus of the campaign to succeed him yesterday when John Redwood became the second contender in 24 hours to criticise his record.

Mr Redwood said that the loyalties of party members had been stretched to breaking-point over the past few years because of the relentless abandonment of party principles.

The former Cabinet minister expressed dismay that he had spent most of the general election campaign trying to dissuade paid-up members from staying at home or backing Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party.

"I should have been wooing the floating voter. I spent it instead with the party mem-

bership, who I pleaded with to vote for the Conservative candidate," he said.

Mr Redwood was addressing a press conference from his new presidential-style set. He stood on a rostrum against a blue and white backdrop displaying the Tory torch and his campaign slogan: To Lead — To Win.

Mr Redwood's attack came the day after William Hague, seen as Mr Major's preferred heir apparent, criticised the "constantly shifting fudge" of recent years and condemned the era of "sleaze, greed, self-indulgence and division".

Mr Hague, youngest of the six candidates, will receive a further boost today from William Waldegrave, one of the seven Cabinet ministers who lost their seats. Mr Waldegrave will declare his support during a visit by Mr Hague to his former Bristol constituency.

Mr Redwood and Mr Hague both avoided mentioning Mr Major by name. But their comments were barely concealed criticisms of the way in which the party is divided over Europe.

Stephen Dorrell, the former health secretary, also entered the debate over Mr Major's record yesterday. In contrast to Mr Redwood and Mr Hague, he praised the former Prime Minister, who once

singled out Mr Dorrell as a future Tory leader. "History will be very kind to John Major," he said in a statement.

"Conservatives should be proud of our record between 1979 and 1997. I am proud to have been a member of the government during that time."

However, he went on to criticise the party's general election campaign. "In 1997 we

lost contact with our sup-

porters because we failed to convince them that a re-elected Conservative government would reflect their values."

Peter Lilley, speaking at a press conference, said that Mr Major carried out his leadership "with great dignity, and he emerged with respect of all members of the party".

Mr Redwood, who challenged Mr Major for the leadership in 1995, said that it

was the drift over Europe, and

neglect of small businesses and traditional Tory concerns such as the erosion of the countryside, which had led to a sharp fall in membership.

"Some have quietly slipped away from the Conservatives, others have joined and worked for the Eurosceptic parties that formed on our flank. Towards the end of the last government, many party activists left the theatre. By the time the curtain came down we

were playing to an empty house."

Mr Redwood said that many former party members had agonised over whether to vote at all in the general election. "I want all those Conservatives to come back home," he said. "The way to invite them back is to remind them why we were all Conservatives in the first place."

Viscount Whitelaw, the closest confidant of Margaret

**Law chief tells youth courts to get tough**

By FRANCES GIBB  
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

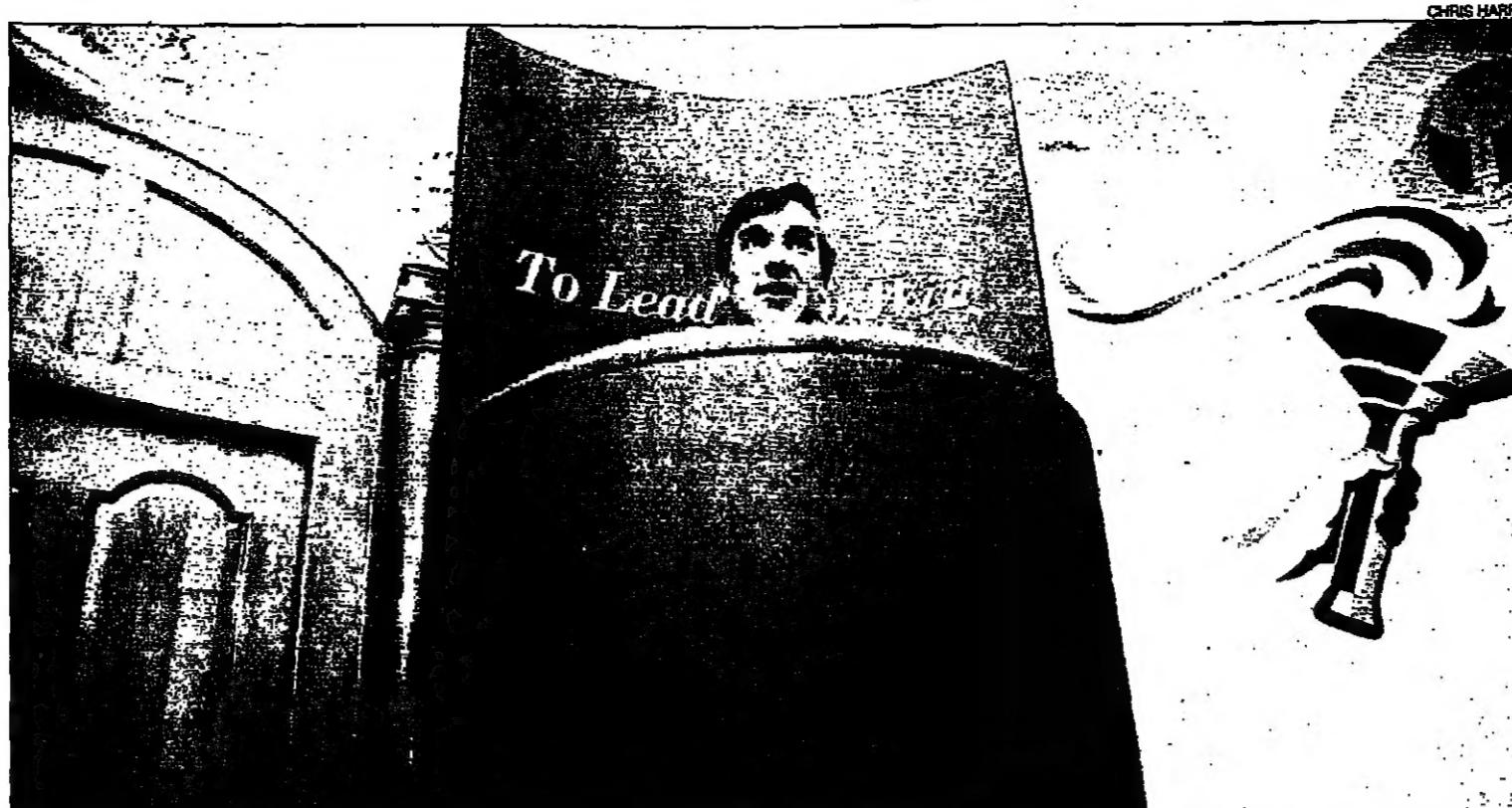
MAGISTRATES were urged by the Lord Chancellor yesterday to be tough on persistent young offenders and to cut adjournments in youth courts.

In his first public pronouncement since taking office, Lord Irvine of Laird, QC, told the 382 magistrates who chair the youth court panels in England and Wales that he wanted them to deal "swiftly and effectively" with young criminals. His letter was delivered the day after the Home Secretary announced measures to speed up the youth justice system under the Crime and Disorder Bill.

Lord Irvine, president of the Magistrates' Association, said that speedy action was essential because delay disconnected the crime from the punishment.

He urged magistrates, where possible, to sentence more cases at first hearing, be more critical of applications for adjournment, consider carefully the period of adjournment and whether a pre-sentence report is necessary; and consider orders against lawyers for wasted costs.

Ann Fuller, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said: "We are not against change but all magistrates wish to see a well-considered, practical and full review, not quick patchwork measures."



Leading man: John Redwood addresses a press conference yesterday from the set designed by a communications agency enlisted by his wife, Gail

## Sniping suspect's brother-in-law seeks Dublin seat

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE brother-in-law of the alleged IRA sniper charged with killing Lance Bomber Stephen Rostick aims to become the first Sinn Féin member of the Dublin Parliament since 1922.

Caomhghin Ó Caoláin is standing in the border constituency of Cavan-Monaghan for its final seat under the Irish election's proportional representation system. His opponents admit that it will be a close fight.

Sinn Féin hopes that its success in securing two seats at Westminster will generate enough support in the Republic to carry Mr Ó Caoláin into the Dail. The party is working hard to portray him as a community worker who has no paramilitary record. It is putting him forward for television interviews on party matters, sending him on missions to the United States and this week included him in the first talks with British government officials since the 1996 collapse of the IRA ceasefire.

*The Times* has discovered, however, that Mr Ó Caoláin is closely linked to Bernard McGinn, who was arrested in Northern Ireland last month and charged with three murders: Lance Bomber Rostick at a checkpoint in Bessbrook, Co Armagh last February; Lance Bomber

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said that he and his coalition partners would not accede to the request.

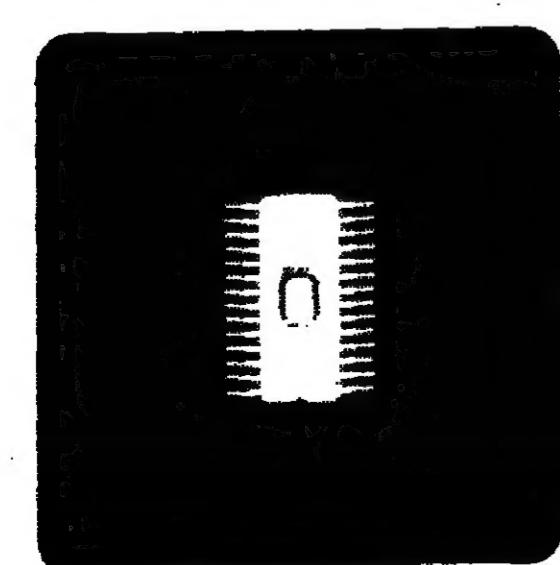
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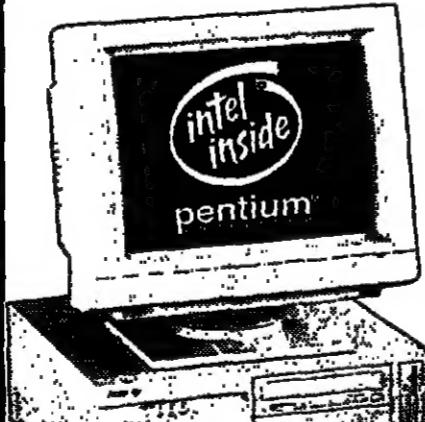


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# Fox-hunters urged to set up own regulator

By MICHAEL HORNSEY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

The establishment of an independent body to police hunting with hounds was recommended yesterday in the first review of the sport in nearly half a century. The proposed regulator would have the power to ban hunts that behaved inacceptably.

The review finds no reason to outlaw hunting, a move which would have a huge impact on rural social and economic life, but says there are "questionable" practices that should be examined and perhaps abandoned.

With the Government pledged to hold a free vote on whether hunting should be outlawed, the report will be widely seen as an attempt by the hunting community to put its own house in order in the hope of staving off a ban.

The authors find no scientific evidence that hunting foxes constitutes cruelty, but suggest that hunting cub foxes early in the season and using terriers to dig out foxes that have gone to ground may cause unusual mental and psychological stress.

The review was commissioned by the Countryside Movement, a body which was set up two years ago under the chairmanship of Sir David Steel, the former Liberal Democrat leader. Earlier this year it joined forces with the British Field Sports Society after running into financial straits.

The report was compiled by

a three-man team chaired by Richard Phelps, a retired public administrator. The two other members were William "Dwink" Allen, Professor of Equine Reproduction at Cambridge University, and Stuart Harrop, Professor of Wildlife Management Law at Kent University. Professor Allen was the only member of the team who hunts.

The League Against Cruel Sports denounced the report, saying no one should be fooled into thinking it was the product of an unbiased inquiry. "It was the brainchild of the bloodsports lobby and funded by the bloodsports lobby," a statement said.

John Cooper, the league's chairman, added: "We would

obviously welcome the removal of cub-hunting and terrier-work from fox-hunting, although that is unlikely to be acceptable to many hunters."

"But it would still leave a so-called sport which torments foxes by chasing them to the point of exhaustion before allowing the animal to be disembowelled in the most horrendous fashion."

Mr Phelps insisted yesterday that his group had taken an entirely independent view. Their aim had been to take a dispassionate look at the arguments for and against hunting, a "far more complex" issue than was generally recognised.

Professor Harrop said the last big review of hunting, the

1951 Scott Henderson report, had recommended setting up a regulatory body but the proposal was not acted on.

"We are not suggesting that hunts are breaking their own rules," he said. "But they are not responsible to any outside body and there is no real pressure on them at present to examine their own practices."

The report suggests that the regulatory body should be modelled on the Press Complaints Commission. Ideally, hunts would enter into contractual relationships with the commission and agree to accept its rulings. If this could not be achieved, the body would need some basis in statute law.

On the alleged cruelty of fox-hunting, the report says: "Without doubt, the fox experiences a mixture of excitement, tension, fear and physical stress, and a final brief period of acute distress, before it is killed almost instantaneously by the lead hound which breaks its neck."

"But the levels of these disturbances are no greater or more prolonged than those that occur naturally in nature when any type of predator stalks, hunts and kills its prey." The fox was well prepared for the chase.

The report also says that a ban on hunting would have a severe effect on local economies, with associated hotel and catering trades affected.



Fox-hunting, here depicted by Stubbs, has an important role in rural life with many jobs dependent, the report says



## Tories must stop dithering and start rebuilding party

RIDDLE ON POLITICS

**T**he manoeuvrings over the Tory leadership are receiving far more attention than they deserve. The contenders are being treated as if they still exercised serious power — partly because they are familiar faces. They do not, and will not for some time, the Tories can only shoot from the side-lines. But much of the political world has not yet really adjusted to the scale of the Tory defeat, even though the party's new MPs are more realistic about the state of the party than their elders.

It was absurd that the elections for the chairman and executive of the Tory backbench 1922 committee were discussed as if this august body of old buffers (a mere couple of members excepted) really mattered.

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which means that his Bill will be introduced this session and, if it commands widespread support, could have a good chance of becoming law.

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need to reinvent themselves as a new party just as Labour has under Tony Blair. The fresh faces, both male and female, on the Labour benches show party which has a broad national base. At present the Tories in the House of Commons are, in the main, an English rural and suburban party", as Sir Patrick Cormack commented in the Commons on Wednesday. They no longer speak for big city and industrial England, or the whole of Scotland and Wales.

Consequently, the parliamentary party can no longer expect the predominant role it has enjoyed in the past. The Tories must look to a strong national organisation, a central membership scheme (both as a means of communication and fundraising) and to a revival in local government. The current frolics in the parliamentary party are merely a messy prelude to the real work of recovery.

PETER RIDDELL

## Labour is seeking to prevent Bill on hunting

By JILL SHERMAN

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The music hall's original façade after it was founded by Sam Collins, right, chimney sweep and comedian

ONE of Britain's oldest music halls, which has been empty for decades since Charlie Chaplin, Gracie Fields and Tommy Cooper trod its boards, is to be restored as a theatre for the best regional companies.

Adrian Noble, artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and Clive Anderson, the television host, are among leading figures promoting the 1862 Collins Music Hall on Islington Green, north London.

The RSC's Swan Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon and the Royal Exchange in Manchester will be among regional companies able to transfer productions there. The organisers, who say the Collins will be "an ambassador for the rapidly growing quality of British regional drama", are seeking £13.75 million from the National Lottery. The total cost is £17.95 million and most of the rest has been raised.

Sally Greene, the Collins' acting chairman, said that it would be "a new type of theatre" that could rearrange itself into virtually any stage layout. Using compressed air technology, interchangeable mobile seating towers would allow the theatre to be re-

shaped for each performance, switching between theatre-in-the-round and end-stage formats and accommodating between 450 and 700 people.

Mr Noble said that there

would be huge savings as

scenery would no longer have

to be adapted or rebuilt for

transfers: it would simply be

used in a layout matching the

original production.

From 1862 until 1958, audiences flocked to the Collins, which was named after Sam Collins, a cockney chimney sweep who performed at local music halls as an "Irish" comedian. In 1862 he turned a pub into a 600-seat Collins. Gracie Fields made her

London debut there, Chaplin appeared in Frank Carno's Mummung Birds troupe of 1912 and Tommy Cooper gave his first professional performance there. In 1958 it was destroyed by fire and used as a timber yard. The organisers say:

"You can still see the

outline of the steps, the balconies where people crowded,

leaned and laughed." They promise that the new theatre will echo the spirit of the old hall.

The design, by the Renton Howard Wood Levin Partnership, includes an arts centre that will open from 9am until 11pm. In addition to 343 performances a year, the hall will

offer an exhibition area in the cafe-bar and a cinema for screening work by first-time film-makers. Charles Saatchi, the advertising innovator and collector of contemporary art, has promised to find artists for the gallery.

Mr Noble said: "If the lottery bid is successful, from 1999 more people will be able to see Swan Theatre productions in London than is currently possible." The Royal Exchange, which has been without a London home since its residency at the Round House in the early 1980s, will have a three-month season at the Collins.

Yesterday the Exchange received £17 million lottery money to repair its Manchester home, which was badly damaged in last year's IRA bombing. More than £30 million is being spent on the Victorian building.

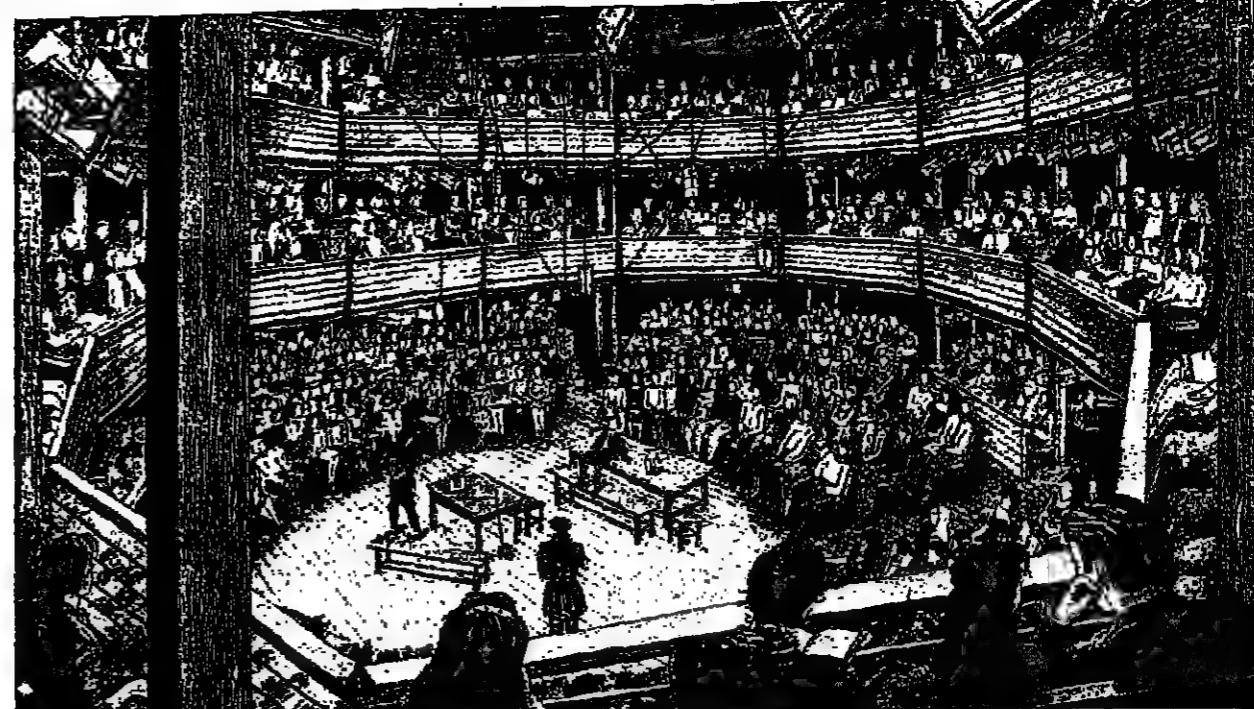
The hall will offer touring

companies a more permanent

London base. Max Stafford-

Clark, artistic director of the innovative Out of Joint touring company, said: "Currently there are no theatres in London that can offer us what the Collins is proposing: an unconventional theatre space that will have the flexibility to respond to the varied range of work that we produce."

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An artist's impression of the theatre's in-the-round mode and, below, a model of the exterior after restoration



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## Lottery money to pay for Cornish Garden of Eden

By MICHAEL HORNBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Millennium Commission will today announce National Lottery funding to help create a "Garden of Eden" in a disused claypit near St Austell in Cornwall, much of it contained in what will be the biggest greenhouse in the world.

The Eden Project will be one of the most ambitious schemes so far approved by the commission, the body set up to award grants from lottery proceeds to projects celebrating the millennium.

Sir Alcon Cox, chairman of the project's trustees, said: "The core project will cost just over £73 million and we have applied for half of this to be met by the commission, though we will not know exactly how much we will get until the announcement is made."

A spokesman for the Millennium Commission confirmed yesterday that the award would be announced today.

but refused to forecast the size of the grant.

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# Afghan city enjoys its reprieve from Taliban conquest

FOR three days this week Mazar-i-Sharif closed its shutters and awaited invasion. Little by little it has emerged from panic, now convinced that the Taliban Islamic militia will take time to overthrow Afghanistan's last important city in Afghanistan beyond its control.

The markets were open and busy in Mazar-i-Sharif yesterday, and popular Hindi film music pounded from record stores. Most women were fully dressed in keeping with custom, some left their faces uncovered as they walked, and in fun work, the last women in Afghanistan allowed to hold jobs outside the home.

Many wore make-up and fashionable shoes, with no burqas to berate them or religious police to beat them. They looked at the latest goods in the shops, filled with clothes and cheap electronic goods bought in through the Central Asian states to the north. This last bastion of liberalism in Afghanistan is cherishing freedom, unsure how long it

Christopher Thomas reports from Mazar-i-Sharif, the last significant urban refuge from the hardline Muslim regime

will last. The local currency, in reality worthless, has soared and plunged this week in response to rumour, but has finally settled down to around 100 to the dollar, a sign of confidence among the money traders; their ears constantly

listening to gossip.

They are crucial to the survival of the north. This gaggle of men, arms laden with cash, are the best barometer of the mood of Mazar-i-Sharif, and the latest exchange rates against the dollar suggest that they have no great fear of the immediate future, although they worry that they will fail to anticipate the north's collapse.

The war has moved closer: there has been fighting within 30 miles of Sheberghan, a

small town less than an hour's drive from Mazar-i-Sharif where General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern military chief, has his headquarters. But there are indications he has recaptured territory lost to him in a mutiny that threatened to bring down his relatively liberal Islamic fiefdom. He does not seem beaten yet.

The road to Sheberghan, closed for two days, reopened yesterday, as did the road to the strategically important town of Pul-i-Khumri, 100 miles to the southeast. This demonstrates confidence that no invasion can be imminent while inconclusive battles continue in the countryside, stretching the resources of General Dostum's personal and ideological enemies.

Many troops have been flown into the north by General Alim Shah Masood, one of the most renowned commanders in Afghanistan, from his stronghold in the Panjshir Valley north of Kabul, the capital. Until now he has largely stayed out of the fight as Taliban moved into General Dostum's provinces: his engagement now could well tip the scales for General Dostum.

General Masood's men landed at Sheberghan and are now in the mountains and deserts, fighting along fluid front lines. It is not intensive

warfare rather, it is opportunistic killing by wandering bands of guerrillas, and casualties are probably modest. At times, it is probable that neither side knows who is winning.

General Dostum spent time on Tuesday with the head of the Iranian diplomatic mission in Mazar-i-Sharif, further proof of his closeness to Tehran, which has propped up his currency with American dollars when it has appeared to

be about to collapse. Iran has two principal interests in Afghanistan: protecting the Shia minority and ensuring that an oil pipeline is never built from Central Asia through Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Arabian Sea.

General Dostum may have recaptured all or some of Sar-e-Pol, one of three provinces he

lost in the mutiny. General Abdul Malik, who is leading the revolt, has thrown in his lot with Taliban, but for how

long, and why, are not clear. He is a traitor in the eyes of many fellow Uzbeks and may not be able to sustain an effective challenge to his friend-turned-enemy, a popular leader whose name, Dostum, means "everybody's friend".

□ Islamabad: Mullah Muhammad Ghaus, Taliban Foreign Minister, held talks with Norbert Holt, the United Nations mediator, here yesterday, Afghan sources said. The talk focused on the food sit

uation in Afghanistan, humanitarian assistance and military developments in northern Afghanistan, Abdul Wahab, a diplomat from the Taliban-controlled Afghan Embassy here said.

Other sources said Herr

Holt proposed a meeting between Taliban and a representative of the opposition alliance which is headed by General Dostum. They said that the Taliban official's response was "positive". (AFP)

**Boycott threat**

Jakarta: Megawati Sukarnoputri, the leader of Indonesia's pro-democracy movement, threw down a challenge to President Suharto by threatening to organise a boycott of the election on May 29.

**Killer quake**

Kosamghat: At least 35 people were killed and 1,000 injured when a powerful earthquake hit Madhya Pradesh in central India, flattening houses and burying many victims as they slept. (Reuters)

**Editor cleared**

Lusaka: Fred M'Nyembe, the Editor of *The Post*, an independent Zambian newspaper, and his two deputies were acquitted on treason charges for publishing leaked government secrets last year. (AP)



Refugees cling to a bus in their attempt to escape fighting on the "Taliban front line" north of Kabul yesterday



Grannies set up Tokyo escort agency

Tokyo: Life begins at 60 for two women of the "Grandma" dating club that has just opened in Shinjuku, Tokyo's trendiest amusement quarter (Robert Whyman writes). What makes the Grandmas unique is that the oldest woman on the books is 72 and some are under 60.

While similar establishments offer high-school students, or cater to the disturbing national obsession with underage girls, Madame Mizuki's clients operate a mature, preferably silver-haired companion, or that special date.

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CHANGING TIMES

Albanian slaughter threatens lake's ancient fish delicacy

FROM TOM WALKER IN OHRID

EUROPEAN royals, Roman emperors and Eastern sultans have gorged themselves on its succulent pink flesh through the ages, but the present has little respect for the unique Ohrid trout of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, now facing extinction.

After more than three million years in the mountain fastness of Lake Ohrid, *Salmo letnica* (said to have been Queen Victoria's favourite fish), finds itself in a conservationist's nightmare. Half the lake is in Macedonia, where the fish is almost a national symbol; the other is in Albania, where the salmon-like trout is being electrocuted and harpooned into oblivion.

"Numbers have halved in the last five years and it is now getting critical," said Stefan Kanev, whose family has fished for generations from the Macedonian village of Kaneo. "They never used to eat it much in Albania, but now they are all fishing because they are all hungry."

The 80-year-old Macedonian President, Kiro Gligorov, eats the trout every day, and *Salmo letnica* was always the chosen fish of Tito. In recent years Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands, King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden and Turkish President Demirel have sampled its delights during trips to the lake. Dietary practitioners claim the fish can invigorate the eyes and brain.

Lake Ohrid, at 900ft the deepest lake in the Balkans, fills a giant geological fault in the rugged limestone terrain that separates Macedonia, Albania and, further south,

Greece. Protection as a World Heritage Site under Unesco has ensured the concrete edifices built round Ohrid under Yugoslav communism.

But while Macedonia now has a host of fishing regulations and restrictions, there is little appreciation of the lake's fragile ecology in Albania. Around Ohrid there is no fishing at all during the trout's breeding season in January; at the same time in Albania the pregnant females are culled as they come near the shore to spawn, electrocuted by wires strung between reeds. Those that survive are harpooned.

The little-known Macedonian Navy has two small gunboats on the lake, but rather than provoke border tension the Skopje Government is investing in programmes to bolster the trout's numbers through artificial breeding and restocking.

"After 20 years like this there will be none left," said Dr Ivan Chado, a former director of the National Heritage Institute. "The problem is we can't wait for studies to be made," he said. "It is the mentality of the people on the other side of the lake that has to change."

Map: 50 miles

Bulgaria  
Montenegro  
Macedonia  
Serbia  
Greece  
Italy  
Albania

Koreans fled rumours of war

FROM REUTER  
IN SEOUL

THE first "boat people" defectors from North Korea who arrived in the South last week, yesterday described people starving to death and said their homeland was gripped by rumours of impending war against South Korea.

Fourteen members of two

families told their first news conference that life in the North was a constant battle to survive. "My parents had malnutrition from eating only flour porridge," said Kim Hwa Ok, 41, the wife of the vessel's captain.

The other family included the ship's engineer, Kim Won Hyung, who said rumours were spreading that the North

Korean leader, Kim Jung Il, would launch an attack on the South between July and October at the end of a three-year mourning period for his father, the late Kim Il Sung.

A spokesman for North Korea's Foreign Ministry said yesterday that the food crisis had reached a "serious stage" but it would not go to war to resolve it.

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## China hopes Blair will put aside disputes to attend Hong Kong ceremony

**PUTTING** past quarrels with Britain over Hong Kong behind them, senior Chinese officials yesterday expressed the hope that Tony Blair would attend the ceremonies to "commemorate and celebrate" the handover of Hong Kong on June 30.

"Of course, we wish to see a very friendly atmosphere prevailing," said one senior official. Expressing a personal view, he added: "I hope the people from your side are of the highest standing, and the higher position they are there."

The official said that President Jiang Zemin of China would be present. The Queen would be represented by the Prince of Wales but the official said, if the former

British and Chinese officials are putting the finishing touches to preparations for the colony's handover in June, report James Pringle in Beijing and Michael Dynes in London

Minister could be there, "that would be appropriate".

Mr Blair is expected to weigh up whether he will be able to fit the trip into his busy domestic agenda. I think the Prime Minister has not reached a final decision," said one source familiar with the British position. "A lot will depend on who is going on the Chinese side and we don't have definite word yet." The

Foreign Office said yesterday that Mr Blair is expected to decide soon whether he will attend the handover ceremonies and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has already said that he will be there.

Although the political reforms pushed through by Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, have profoundly angered the Chinese, he will be treated cordially at the

ceremonies. "Of course I would be ready to shake hands with him," said one official who is in London for final consultations.

Detailed discussions have been

going on for months between Britain and China in the Joint Liaison Group (JLG). It is responsible for making the transfer arrangements and is finalising "finishing touches" such as guest lists and seating arrangements.

The group's two ambassadors,

Hugh Davies and Chen Zuoren, have been meeting once a week.

The last JLG plenary session will be held in Hong Kong from next Wednesday until Friday. It will decide the final details, including whether Mr Jiang will be present.

Foreign diplomats in Beijing said yesterday that the presence of the Prime Minister would illustrate Britain's continuing concern for the

territory, which it has ruled for 150 years.

"At the same time, it would allow Mr Blair to take the measure of Chinese leaders, and have useful talks with them on future Sino-British relations, and possibly trade," one envoy said.

In Tiananmen Square yesterday, the digital clock marking off the days, minutes and seconds until Hong Kong's return, had reached 39 days before zero hour.

Three ancient veterans of the Chinese Communist Party's revolutionary struggles in the 1930s, wearing campaign medals and new uniforms in the style of that time, posed beneath the clock as a choir of Beijing senior citizens sang

"Without the Communist Party there would be no New China".

Officials say that at midnight on June 30 fireworks, banned in China in recent years, will be set off over Tiananmen Square. It is uncertain, however, if ordinary citizens will be permitted to attend.

Chinese officials are beginning to talk about the handover as "a great event" and "an historic occasion". Although films are being screened on the Opium Wars and other events involving Britain's relationship with China, anti-British feeling is hard to detect. There does, however, seem an atmosphere of quiet satisfaction that this problem "left over from history" will soon be settled.

## Judge claims KGB role in attack on Pope 'covered up'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Italian judge who led the initial investigations into the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in May 1981, broke his long silence on the case yesterday. He said that he was convinced the KGB had organised the conspiracy, but its role had been covered up "because it was inconvenient to the highest authorities in the West at a delicate moment in the East-West relations".

Ferdinando Impastato was the investigating magistrate in charge of the inquiry after the attempted murder of the Pope by Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish gunman connected to the right-wing Grey Wolves terrorist group, in St Peter's Square. He said he was taken off the case in 1985 "just as we were coming to a conclusion over the KGB and the Bulgarian connection".

The "Bulgarian link" has been the subject of repeated controversy since 1981, but never proved: The Pope has said he does not believe that Sofia was involved.

However, Judge Impastato, who served later as an MP for the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS), the former Communist Party, and

is now an appeal court judge, told *Corriere della Sera* that he had continued to take an interest in the case.

The documents he had seen between 1981 and 1985 and since then left no doubt that the "Kremlin", specifically Yuri Andropov, then head of the KGB and later Soviet leader, had warned the Pope dead because he posed a threat to the Communist system not only in his native Poland but also throughout the Soviet bloc.

But that view became "inconvenient" by 1985, at a time when Mikhail Gorbachev was coming to power in Moscow with a reform programme that might, and eventually did, lead to the transformation and collapse of the Soviet Union. "The West did not need any criminalisation of the East... It was easier to blame the attack on an alleged madman." But he had found Agca, who is still in prison, "perfectly lucid and intelligent".

Judge Impastato said that his superiors had urged him repeatedly to "let it go", but he had decided to speak out after Oral Celik, a Turkish former member of the Grey Wolves

living in Paris, had said recently that he, too, had been in the square with Agca and had also fired at the Pope. "I can confirm that Celik was indeed there, although the bullets fired at the Pope were Agca's," the judge said. "More than that, there were two Bulgarian diplomats close by with a getaway car: Ivan Dantchev, who was listed as cultural attaché, and Sozin Kolev, also known as Theodor Ayavazov." The subsequent acquittal by a Rome court of Bulgarian officials accused of involvement in the assassination attempt was "politically inspired".

The judge said that he could also shed light on the disappearance of Emanuela Orlandi, 15, the daughter of a senior Vatican official, on June 22, 1981, five weeks after the attack. She was never found.

He said that after a full lesson at the Pontifical Conservatory, she had been kidnapped by Turkish Grey Wolves linked to the KGB "because they knew Agca was beginning to talk in captivity about the true extent of the conspiracy". He said the terrorist had offered to return the girl in exchange for Agca, who they intended to kill in order to silence him. But there had been no deal and Emanuela had eventually become "integrated" into an "Islamic community".

Agca had understood the threat posed to him by the kidnapping and had steadfastly maintained afterwards for public consumption that he had acted alone.

The judge added of the KGB-Agca connection: "You have no idea of the obstacles we encountered at international levels when we came to this conclusion, or the superficiality with which some key inquiries were conducted."



Annette Sorensen and her baby daughter, Liv, on their return to Copenhagen yesterday. The mother was given a conditional discharge after being accused of "endangering the welfare and physical wellbeing" of the girl

## Bistro mother and baby go home

FROM TUNK VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE Danish single mother who was arrested in New York a fortnight ago, for leaving her 14-month-old daughter in a pram on the pavement outside a bistro while she drank margaritas with the father, flew back to Denmark with her child yesterday after being ordered by a New York court to leave the United States.

Annette Sorensen was given a conditional discharge by the city's family court and put on probation after the police had charged her with "endangering the welfare and physical wellbeing" of her daughter, Liv.

The girl's father, Xavier Wardlaw, a 49-year-old squatter and playright, still faces charges, including an accusation of disorderly conduct. His trial has been set for June 4. Yesterday, Mr Wardlaw's lawyer called the charges against his client

"outrageous", saying that the police had "ripped his baby out of her mother's arms" when they arrested the couple.

The case of "little Liv" captured New York's imagination, while at the same time igniting a great deal of outrage in Denmark. Danes believed that the police had over-reacted to an extraordinary degree when they arrested Ms Sorensen and Mr Wardlaw for leaving Liv on the pavement. The parents spent two nights in jail.

The child welfare agency in New York City put the baby in foster care for four days before she was reunited with her mother. Commentators in Denmark queued up to point out that prams are left outside all the time in Copenhagen, and that Ms Sorensen was only doing what came naturally to her at home.

New Yorkers, however, reacted incred-

bly to the Danish dismay. In a city where even the dustbins are chained to railings to foil thieves, leaving a baby outside a restaurant on a busy city street amounted for many to a severe dereliction of parental duty. As a commentator pointed out in the *New York Post*, "the corner of Second Avenue where the baby was left is about as kid-friendly as a shark-tank".

Certainly, "cultural factors" appear to have played an important role in the whole affair. Ms Sorensen was unrepentant to the end, sticking doggedly to her assertion that she "would leave Liv outside in Denmark". Yet the baby's father, who lives in Brooklyn, appears not to have counselled Ms Sorensen against such Danish practices in a city which, by universal agreement, is a trifle less safe than Copenhagen.

## Hong Kong seeks to extradite soldier

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY  
IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG officials are attempting to extradite from the United Kingdom a British soldier suspected of murder. They hope to allay the fears of citizens that if he escapes trial in the colony members of the future Chinese garrison who commit crimes here might also escape local laws.

"We are making every effort to get this man back," a spokesman for the British Forces here said yesterday. "We are aware of the enormous implications for after July 1."

On April 30 there was a fight outside the Pussy Cat Club in the Wan Chai district. During the fight, Garry Tait, an Australian, was knocked unconscious. He died in hospital on April 29.

The suspect in the killing, Warrant Officer Barry Miller, a physical training instructor, returned to Britain on April 22 as part of the garrison's pre-handover withdrawal. The British Army insists it knew nothing about the case. Subsequently, a photograph of the suspect was circulated, and the British Forces spokesman said: "We recognised the picture and told the police."

Several possible witnesses of the fight, also off-duty soldiers, who were due to return to Britain, have been kept in Hong Kong by the Army, but are carrying out normal duties. According to the spokesman, since Warrant Officer Miller was off-duty and is now in a different jurisdiction, the Army cannot order him back to Hong Kong. "He has all the rights of any other British citizen," the spokesman said.

Warrant Officer Miller has appeared twice at Bow Street Magistrates' Court and been bailed. Extradition papers will be presented in London on June 25 and, if he is sent back to Hong Kong, his trial is unlikely to occur before the handover to Chinese rule.

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Kremlin leader says he will personally supervise changes in military

## Yeltsin sacks defence chief for failing to reform army

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A FURIOUS President Yeltsin yesterday sacked the Russian Defence Minister and the armed forces' chief of staff and vowed that other heads would roll if urgently needed military reforms were not introduced.

In an explosive televised session of the Defence Council, the Russian leader stood with anger as he berated Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister, for being lazy and incompetent during his ten-month tenure.

"I am simply not satisfied. I am outraged at the course of reform in the army and the state of the military in general," said the Kremlin leader, as he pounded the table with his fist and glared at Mr Rodionov, who stood head bowed in grim silence.

"You have done a bad job," he said. "You should be telling me today what you have done. You have nothing to say. Many of you will not be here if you proceed like this."

The outburst was triggered by the military's failure to introduce any real reforms, in spite of its disastrous campaign in Chechnya, and its failure to pay, equip or train

the demoralised 1.7 million men in uniform. Reformists in the Kremlin, led by Yuri Baturin, the main presidential military adviser, have long advocated making deep cuts in personnel and turning the military into a Western-style professional army. Mr Yeltsin wants the reforms completed by the turn of the century.

However, the move has been resisted by the top brass, whose ranks would be the first to be cut and who argue that establishing a professional force would require additional funding, which the Government does not want to spend.

Mr Yeltsin is clearly livid, however, about the recent daily reports of corruption in the armed forces, which have led to the sacking of several senior officers and the imprisonment earlier this week of a Deputy Defence Minister.

"Soldiers get thinner and generals get fatter," said Mr Yeltsin, who is also Russia's supreme commander. "Generals have built dachas all over Russia. Generals are not interested in reorganising the army because they may lose their privileges. They are the main

obstacle in implementing army reforms."

Mr Yeltsin said he would personally supervise reforms in the military and he has ordered that a report outlining the reform process be ready by June 25.

"All government bodies

must work to promote mili-

tary reform," he said. "If a day passes when nothing has been done for the army, the day is lost."

The Russian President appointed General Igor Sergeyev, 60, the head of the strategic rocket forces, to become acting Defence Minister. General Viktor Chechekov,

the former commander of the Far East military district and a long-time Kremlin favourite, was appointed as the new head of the general staff to replace General Viktor Samsonov.

Liberal politicians praised Mr Yeltsin for finally tackling reform head on, while oppo-

nents condemned the move as a further weakening of the country's crumbling defences.

Aleksandr Lebed, the former paratroop general and presidential hopeful, said Mr Rodionov had allowed himself to become the President's scapegoat.

Gennadi Zyuganov, the

Communist Party leader, said Mr Yeltsin should be the one facing dismissal for "ruining the armed forces". He said: "The President has left the army without pay, without new weapons, without apartments. He got everything into a mess, but does not want to answer for it."

The map shows the disputed Kurile Islands, which are controlled by Russia but claimed by Japan.

**Moscow cuts island garrison**

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

RUSSIA will withdraw some of its troops from islands at the heart of a perennial territorial dispute with Japan, the head of the islands' local government said.

Vladimir Zeme, chief of the South Kuriles district, told Japanese reporters visiting the islands that the two army units in Kumashiri would be pulled out by the end of next month. *Asahi Shimbun* reported on Wednesday. The reporters were accompanying Tatsuya Hori, Governor of

Hokkaido, on a visit to the islands. The dispute over the islands, called the South Kuriles by Russia and the Northern Territories by Japan, has prevented the two countries from signing a Second World War peace treaty. The stationing of 3,500 Russian troops in the islands has hindered talks between the countries. It was not clear if Russia would withdraw all the troops.

Kumashiri, Habomai, Shikotan and Etorofu, northeast of the northernmost main

Japanese island of Hokkaido, were seized by Soviet troops in the closing days of the war. During a visit to Japan in 1993, President Yeltsin of Russia agreed to settle the dispute through dialogue and promised that he would withdraw troops from the islands, although he did not say when.

Last week, Igor Rodionov, dismissed yesterday as Russian Defence Minister, visited Tokyo and headed to Japan

documents saying that Moscow had cut the troops in the

islands to 3,500 by 1995, but he did not speak about more cuts. Yukihiko Ikeda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, will be in Moscow this weekend for talks with President Yeltsin.

## Belarus and Russia prepare to sign watered-down union pact

FROM ROBIN LODGE  
IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Lukashenko of Belarus flew to Moscow yesterday to put the final touches to a much-trumpeted charter of union between his country and Russia, which he is due to sign with President Yeltsin today.

Aimed originally at reforging the political, military and economic links that bound the two countries together in Soviet times, the agreement

has since been watered down so much as to represent little more than a declaration of intent which does far more to highlight the discrepancies between them than set any basis for union.

Even as far as intent is concerned, Mr Lukashenko's ideas are at variance with Mr Yeltsin's. The Russian leader

has spoken of an eventual merger, under which Belarus would simply be absorbed by Russia in a new federation, much as it was in Tsarist

times. But Mr Yeltsin was

circumspect in his comments at the start of yesterday's talks.

"We will agree on everything that is necessary. We will not make decisions that could contradict the interests of our countries and peoples," he said.

Mr Lukashenko was also

uncharacteristically low-key,

suggesting that his visit

amounted to no more than a

formality. "I have come to seal de jure what has already been achieved de facto," he said.

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# That's why the Lady's had enough

The conflicting claims of battered wives and battered families left Lady Parker with no choice but to resign from a charity that she supported.

The resignation of Lady Parker from Refuge, the estimable organisation that provides shelter for battered wives, is a run business.

Gill Parker, wife of Sir Peter, a working GP for 35 years, the mother of four successful children, witty and well-connected, is an asset to a charitable letterhead, an admittance to a committee. Few charitable fund-raising events could match the flair and style of Lady Parker's Christmas concert and dinner in an old Battersea schoolhouse (home of her actor son Nat) in 1995.

She joined Refuge when it was still Chiswick Women's

**They go along and destroy their families at a stroke**

Aid, founded by Erin Pizzey 25 years ago when nobody questioned a man's right to knock his wife about. Refuge has long teetered on the brink of financial collapse. But Sandra Horley, its director, gathered patrons such as Diana, Princess of Wales, and Cherie Booth QC, whose fine speeches were vital, Lady Parker says, in raising the awareness of people who still think a woman "must enjoy it or they would leave".

Then, three years ago Lady Parker became trustee of another charity, the British False Memory Society, which she now chairs. False memory denotes the phenomenon whereby (usually) young women "discover" through therapy that they were sexually abused as children and, emboldened by their therapists, confront their parents

## THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



"Some accusers recall being abused at six months. There isn't even a memory seat in the brain until you're about four. The memories before that come from adapting what you have been told"

induced. It is deployed for a miscellany of complaints. And it invites patients to choose the victim role. (The notion of overcoming life's slings and arrows, the grandmotherly precept of "Rise above it dear" is out of style in the late 20th century.)

"People ask me: 'But how do you know those parents are not a bunch of paedophiles?' Nobody denies that there is sexual abuse, a very terrible

thing. And there is such a thing as being in denial. People can forget or repress one big, awful trauma. But we have never met a case of a woman who has been sexually abused over a long period of time who has forgotten it," Lady Parker says.

"Some of the accusers recall being abused at six months old. Well, there isn't even a memory seat in the brain — the hippocampus — until you're about four. Almost certainly, the memories before that come from adapting what you have been told."

The British False Memory Society's director, Roger Scottford, is himself an accused parent. His advisory board includes figures such as Prof Larry Weiskrantz, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Oxford, an authority on memory; and Professor Patrick Bateson, provost of King's, Cambridge. The society runs a telephone helpline and organises meetings and lectures. At last week's lecture by the American academic Frederick Crews, 200 people came.

Once accusations against parents are made, they are very hard to retract. "Some of our members say 'My daughter has sent me a Christmas card' or 'She's bringing her baby to see me' and we encourage them to keep the door open without insisting on an apology or a retraction first. But by that stage, the parents often say 'I can't see her again, unless she admits she was wrong.'"

It certainly never struck Lady Parker that her work with false memory was incompatible with working for Refuge. But in February, Hilary Hannan, editor of a magazine called *Women at Work* (its letterhead says "Part of the Thought Chain"), withdrew its support for Refuge after reading of Lady Parker's connection with false memory. She wrote to Sandra Horley, explaining that some people on her magazine were survivors of sexual abuse. Ms Horley

wrote back dissociating Refuge completely from the work of the False Memory Society: some of her staff, too, are the survivors of sexual abuse, she explained.

Lady Parker reasons that both groups — the beaten wife and the falsely accused parent — need help. Rightly, she found the inference that her false memory work could be construed as condoning incestuous paedophilia rather chilling. She had no option but to resign in a state of gloom; and she was followed by two other stalwarts of the Refuge board, Lady Rayne and Lady Browne-Wilkinson.

"It seems that the committed feminist is honour bound to believe what a woman says.

I'm deeply sorry. The cause of Refuge is close to my heart'

And I know that child sex abuse happens. But what about the mothers who are accused by their daughters? They are of the sisterhood, too. It is not controversial to say that the sudden spate of these accusations may not all be true.

Lady Parker had enough experience of listening to patients' woes as a GP, to discern when people were mentally ill and needed psychiatric help. She herself is emotionally robust, a role model for any working mother. As Gillian Rowe-Dutton, medical student at Oxford, she caught the eye of Kenneth Tynan one day. Tynan sent her a note inviting her to tea. They were not an obvious match: Gill was a country girl, and "I felt there was nothing of the

country about Ken at all, not a blade of grass." But soon their engagement was announced: Tynan made a habit of getting engaged. When she left him, he wrote her a long recriminatory letter, and another to her diplomat father. A row ensued, during which Tynan slapped her face "very hard". It was the only time she was ever hit by anyone.

Luckily, the dashing and more dependable Peter Parker hove into her life and they have been married for 45 years. With four adult children doing well — Oliver writing films, Nat soon to start filming *Far From the Madding Crowd*, Lucy running a company called Professional Presentations, and Alan running his financial PR outfit, the Parkers can be said to have come admirably through the trials of parenthood.

They have recently moved into a high-ceilinged Kensington flat, with a patch of lawn so tiny you could cut it with nail-scissors. (Her more famous Oxfordshire garden at Minster Lovell, about which she wrote a book, *The Pursuit of Pleasure*, is open on June 1.) The walls are covered in the drawings of William Blake, Sir Peter's passion. The flat was the scene of a spirited party on election night: Lady Parker has never voted anything but Labour and she feels invigorated by the sense of a new dawn.

In this uplifting atmosphere, it is all the more galling to discover that she cannot work on behalf of both battered wives and battered families. Must one area of good work cancel out the other? "I am deeply sorry," she says, "because the cause of Refuge is very close to my heart. But so are they both." Luckily, she does chair one other charitable committee: the Friends of Oxford Botanic Garden. That, at least, is unlikely to turn round and bite her on the shins.

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## DUTCH AUCTION

The Prime Minister should be wary at Noordwijk

Tony Blair will be warmly greeted and gently treated at Noordwijk today. He and his Government have done much to earn the warm greeting: the Prime Minister arrives at his first European summit bearing gifts which go well beyond the symbolic.

None, for a start, is Britain's Maastricht opt-out on the social chapter, opening up fresh prospects for EU labour legislation under the heading of "working conditions". None too are Tory hints of a "London ambush" next year, when Britain assumes the European Union presidency in the vital months when the decision on monetary union is taken. In its place is Robin Cook's promise, reinforced by the actions of Gordon Brown, to do all that Britain can to ensure a smooth EMU launch.

Britain's partners are also more optimistic about the prospects for concluding an Amsterdam treaty revising the Treaty of Rome next month — the subject of the Noordwijk summit. In Britain, the spin doctors may be justified in underlining just how tough the Government is going to be, on a common EU defence policy and on Britain's insistence on a "cast iron" exemption from plans to centralise control over the EU's external frontiers, immigration and asylum and to abolish internal border checks. On both these important fronts, Mr Cook's stance so far is the same as that of Malcolm Rifkind, his predecessor; but, lacking John Major's alibi of a backbench Commons in revolt, Mr Blair may find the bargaining endgame harder.

These arguments are unlikely to come to a head today, partly for lack of time and partly because Britain's partners are so delighted by the Blair appetites that they will be careful not to pour vinegar all over the main course. But the Prime Minister will be pressed to endorse treaty language committing governments to make the EU a "zone of freedom, security and justice". With such vague aspirations do profound changes in

EU structures begin. The Dutch presidency draft commits governments to giving the Commission a role in the hitherto inter-governmental realm of justice and home affairs within three years, and to the abolition of all internal frontiers within five. Until the small print is agreed, Mr Blair should resist the grand phrase — above all since a Government that has been prepared to relinquish one British opt-out will be under continuing pressure to "renegotiate" any opt-out it may secure at Amsterdam.

Mr Blair's problem is that his colleagues may be unprepared to take no for the real answer. They have been powerfully struck by the novel spectacle of Britain actually being ahead of other countries in offering specific concessions in these negotiations — notably by announcing at this stage that it is ready for majority voting in EU councils on the environment, regional policy, research, anti-fraud measures and industrial policy. The Government is also expected to agree to the inclusion of employment promotion as a treaty-based EU objective, with surveillance of each EU state's performance on the lines of existing EU scrutiny of deficits.

The Government's strategy is to be flexible on what it sees as secondary questions, the better to argue its corner on matters of vital national interest — which apparently, and inexplicably, do not include a treaty amendment to end the scandal of quidnunc-hopping by Spanish fishermen in British waters.

"Tough love" was also Mr Major's strategy when he first became Prime Minister. Mr Blair's luck could be better, for one reason: Helmut Kohl is resigned to compromise on virtually everything at Amsterdam, provided he is convinced that EMU is safe. Mr Blair has given him that assurance; but he has yet to explain why he is so keen to assist the chances of a project about which the British electorate has profound misgivings, and on which it has yet to be consulted in the promised referendum.

## A TOUCH OF HUBRIS

Success has gone to the Chancellor's head

Six days after Labour won the election, Tony Blair summoned his MPs to Church House to tell them that he would not tolerate arrogance: "We are not the masters. We are the servants of the people." Labour, he said, approached the business of government with a "sense of humility". Just a fortnight later, that advice seems to have been forgotten by his closest colleague.

It is possible to understand the haste with which the Chancellor announced the independence of the Bank of England. Markets had to be reassured soon after a Labour victory. But for Gordon Brown to tell Eddie George only the day before he told the world that City regulation was to be revolutionised, with banking supervision taken away from the Bank of England, was a serious breach of common courtesy — particularly since the Governor had been informed that such a move would take place only after prolonged consultation. That Mr George considered resigning comes, therefore, as no surprise.

Indeed Mr Brown is very lucky that his peremptory behaviour did not force Mr George out. It is only because the Governor is such a conscientious public servant that he decided to stay in his post. He knew, as Mr Brown would surely have realised with a moment's thought, that his resignation would have wiped out the credibility gains that the granting of independence had achieved only the week before.

But to behave badly on the assumption that the victim can be relied upon to behave well is not just bad manners. It is a dangerous calculation for a politician to make. The Chancellor seems not quite to have grasped the difference between Oppo-

sition and Government. In Opposition, as Mr Blair pointed out on the steps of Downing Street, politicians can only say, not do. And their words have few real consequences. In Government, their actions have effects that must be thought through in advance. Whether or not Mr Brown likes Mr George, whether or not he intends to renew his tenure next year, the Chancellor can ill afford to lose the Governor now.

In Opposition, Mr Brown and his team clearly enjoyed using the weapon of surprise. They liked grabbing headlines with unexpected policy shifts, sometimes to the discomfort of colleagues who learnt about them no earlier than the press. Now they boast of "decisiveness" and "the smack of firm government". Having basked in the success of their early Bank of England announcement, they seem to have become carried away on a wave of machismo.

There were even suggestions from government sources yesterday that Mr George was "playing into our hands" by complaining. This, it was said, would make it easier to have him replaced. If the Government is unhappy with Mr George as Governor, it should say so publicly, not in a whispering campaign. If the Chancellor wants to sack his Governor, he should do so. If not, he must back him volubly.

Operational independence has to be accompanied by trust and a certain security of tenure. Otherwise, the independence either will lead to squabbles or it will be a sham. Mr Brown should try to mend fences with the Governor. He might even offer a private apology. In the spirit with which this Government was elected, a little modesty and humanity would not now go amiss.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Good University Guide offers a diverse menu

Life imitates not only art but sport. Not content with crushing the Dark Blues in the Boat Race for five years in succession, Cambridge have repeated the trick in *The Times* league table that we publish today. Nor in this case can Oxford claim they have been outflanked by creeping professionalism or unfair foreign imports. Although the battle between the ancient universities claims much of the attention, the overall results speak volumes about the present state of higher education in Britain.

Such an exercise was almost impossible a decade ago. League tables were little known and the idea little loved among academics. Since then they have proliferated both in number and sophistication. Our exercise this year includes no fewer than eight separate indicators of university performance. That will not, of course, prevent many outside the city of Cambridge claiming that the whole concept is still fundamentally flawed or that we have excluded some obscure but critical element which — coincidentally — would boost the standing of their own institution.

Guides are not more than that. But decisions concerning higher education have consequences for the taxpayer as well as personal cost for the individual concerned. Despite some recent shift in resources, Britain still spends a relatively high proportion of its education budget in this area. That in part is due to our continued willingness to allow prospective students a wide choice of loca-

tions for study. Other countries provide strong financial pressures to register at the most local establishment. In an era of mass higher education, and a vast array of universities, an informed choice is crucial.

A further advantage of information is the capacity it allows for comparison across time. Universities as a whole have seen more modernisation over the past five years than the previous fifty. That has placed considerable strain upon the entire system but produced rewards as well. Some institutions have seen a spectacular improvement in their research or teaching quality. In our own league table, Glasgow Caledonian, a new university, has climbed 28 places since last year while Keele, a rather more familiar institution, shot up 25 slots. Vigorous competition for students must be a major factor behind such dramatic results.

This can hardly be cause for complacency. The issue that should concern Baroness Blackstone, the new higher education minister, and Sir Ron Dearing as his committee conducts its review, is how Britain's universities would compare in an international survey. The evidence there remains mixed, although the results of the last research assessment exercise were encouraging. The global challenge is as important for Cambridge and Oxford as it is for less prestigious bodies. Light and Dark Blues may remain on top for the moment. But, unlike the Boat Race, neither at home nor abroad is the contest restricted to two participants.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Labour's promises on mental health

From the Chief Executive of SANE

Sir, It is disappointing that the new Labour manifesto contained no mention of mental health reform, and the Queen's Speech did not mention it. Yet in February 1996, Alan Milburn then shadow health minister and now Minister of State at the Department of Health, after discussion with SANE, put forward in a press statement a four-point emergency plan on mental health.

This called for a halt to further psychiatric bed closures until appropriate community services have been developed; action to address staff shortages; immediate implementation of the "Care Programme Approach" in all parts of the country; and a change in mental-health funding so that over time money goes where it is needed most. We welcomed this initiative and supported the call for immediate action. Nothing has happened.

Mr Milburn, at that time said: Mismanagement of mental health policy has caused a crisis of public confidence and shattered mental health staff morale. Time and again Government has been warned that radical changes are needed to mental health laws and policy.

The first step is to ensure that there is an effective moratorium on psychiatric bed closures so that the present disgraceful position does not become worse. In the last ten years almost 30,000 beds have been lost, with the result that desperately ill people are denied treatment and are left wandering the streets. One in seven people with serious mental illness takes their own life.

This charity, with others, has been calling for a complete revision of mental health legislation and services because they no longer serve the best interests of sufferers, their families and carers or the general public. The primary legislation, the Mental Health Act (1983), was drafted long before current bed shortages or community care.

We expect the Government to stand by the urgent action it promised on mental health reforms. Do not let mental health become lost again — make it top priority. Unless something is done tragedie we hear about every day will continue.

Yours faithfully,  
MARJORIE WALLACE,  
Chief Executive,  
SANE,  
199-205 Old Marylebone Road, NW1.  
May 19.

### Govan election

From Chairman of the League of Overseas Pakistanis

Sir, In your leading article of May 19 you rightly state "The allegations against Mr [Mohammed] Sarwar are, primarily, for the police to investigate ... any case to answer must in law be heard in the court, not Parliament". However you also suggest that Mr Sarwar should be suspended by the Labour Party National Executive Committee.

Today's leading article goes further than merely suggesting suspension. You urge suspension, saying: "It is not good enough to leave investigations to the police."

The Labour Party NEC can be trusted to deal with this matter in a befitting manner. If Mr Sarwar is found guilty by them and is suspended from the Parliamentary Labour Party, so be it. Right-thinking British Muslims will not feel that he is victim of what you describe as "Islamophobia".

However, trial by media and fudging of guilt even before police or the Labour Party have investigated the allegations would affront many British Muslims.

Yours faithfully,  
Q. S. ANISUDDIN,  
Chairman,  
League of Overseas Pakistanis,  
9a High Street,  
Southall, Middlesex.  
May 21.

### Lunch that fits the bill

From Mr George Chowdhary-Best

Sir, I am no doctor but, as the holder of a degree in physiology, I find Dr Stutaford's views on lunch (Body and Mind, May 19) highly questionable.

Do normal human beings in good health really need three meals a day? The case is unproven. Dr Stutaford admits that people should ideally rest after meals so as to enable the digestion process to begin without placing too great a strain upon the heart; but he does not explain how in practice busy and active people can find the time to do so.

It may be true that women need to eat little and often, but men have not had time to evolve physiologically from being hunter-gatherers; and whilst fluid during the day is essential, solid food is not, and may be an obstacle to activity especially if it is of the school-meal type, as the doctor recommends.

Moreover, it is not in practice possible to limit luncheon in the manner he proposes; such things do tend to go on, especially if a journalist is interviewing and footnoting the bill. My advice to ministers is to heed the remark of a former Lord Lucas: "Anyone who eats more than one meal a day is digging his grave with his teeth."

Yours faithfully,  
G. CHOWDHARY-BEST,  
47 Walpole Street, SW3.  
May 19.

### Anomalies in devolution proposals

From Captain J. G. Ferrie, RN

Sir, The new Government now aims to press ahead with its plans for a referendum on Scottish devolution. I believe that the Cabinet should reconsider its decision that only residents should be permitted to vote in that referendum.

I am a Scot who left home to join a United Kingdom public service and have subsequently only had one appointment in Scotland. Should not I, although now resident in England, be more entitled to vote than any English or Welsh person temporarily resident in Scotland, perhaps at the behest of an employer?

If identifying and enfranchising the Scots outside Scotland but still within the United Kingdom is too difficult for those planning the referendum, the Government might arrange to seek the views of the entire United Kingdom population. The result might well prove instructive.

Yours faithfully,  
J. G. FERRIE,  
1 Barnfield Way,  
Bathampton, Bath, Somerset.  
May 20.

From Mr John K. Laurence

Sir, Like the Prime Minister, I am of Scottish descent and attended a Scotch fee-paying public school in Edinburgh. And like him I have earned my living in England. Presumably neither of us will have a vote for the new Scottish parliament.

There are many people of English parentage, educated in England, but earning their living in Scotland. Presumably they will have a vote for the Scottish parliament as well as for the British Parliament. Surely all this appears ludicrous.

Why do we not continue the present system which has lasted satisfactorily for 300 years, and where we all, Scots and English, vote for the British Parliament?

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN LAURENCE,  
Cardross House, Church Road,  
Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey.  
May 21.

From Mr T. R. H. Sowler

Sir, When the tower around which this house has evolved was built at the end of the 15th century, the site selected was a cold, north-facing slope, but it was south of the Tyne and so less susceptible to the endemic raids of the Scots. During the ensuing century the castellans of this and neighbouring fastnesses had to maintain a regular night watch on the Tyne fords, although it is fair to say that the English were as much on the offensive as the defensive.

With the succession in 1603 of the Scottish King James VI as James I of

### 'Rights' and the law

From Mr L. L. Blake

Sir, John Wadham, Director of Liberty, whose letter (May 14) advocates incorporation into our law of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (to give it its full title) shows a touching faith in its efficacy. In fact it will be a feast for lawyers and malcontents.

Why do we need to rely on rights which are divisive and restrictive, when we have the precious heritage of common law which is based on duties? We should be wary of high-sounding charters which refer to "freedoms". In the plural, which means, in effect, that there will be permissible freedoms in some areas but not in others. Only the State will decide.

Mr Wadham wants the convention to be supplemented by "new rights in a domestic Bill of Rights". So-called "natural" rights are endless. Jeremy Bentham once described them as "nonsense upon stilts" — and so they are.

Yours truly,  
L. L. BLAKE,  
271 Lonsdale Road, SW13.  
May 14.

### Kneejerk' law

From Mr Geoff Trickey

Sir, Fox-hunting would seem a curious starting point for animal protection legislation in view of the abuses affecting millions of animals each year in transport of livestock, farming and the abattoirs reported by groups like Compassion in World Farming. One has to conclude that in this case it is the hunters rather than the hunted who are the centre of attention.

The windfall tax similarly targets "fat cats". I have no affinity with them or with hunters but I do have sympathy for the sporting shooters falling victim to kneekerp handgun legislation.

We should all be concerned about law which targets small groups who, for various reasons, find themselves the focus of orchestrated public vilification — this willingness to back the hue and cry with populist legislation is a particularly worrying trend in a Government that has proudly announced itself the Government of *all* the people. I wonder, who will be next?

Yours faithfully,  
GEOFF TRICKEY,  
42 Broadwater Down,  
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.  
May 20.

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### Channel Tunnel fire precautions

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, Mr Stefan Tietz argues, in relation to safety on the Channel Tunnel freight shuttle flitter, May 20, that "calls... for expensive changes to the open-sided rolling stock require better perspective". They rather require the most urgent investigation.

Old flying films often show a heroic pilot diving to blow out a fire. This is done by blasting the flames back faster than they can burn forward, so the source of ignition falls away as

it is. It's heroic because, when it doesn't work, the extra airflow blasts the blaze into a blowtorch, with catastrophic consequences. And it doesn't work when there's a sheltered area where a fire can keep burning, and keep on reigniting combustible material.

The open framework of the Channel freight shuttles encourages the formation of such areas: that a conflagration did occur supports this. There would seem to be a *prima facie* case that they are unwarrantably unsafe.

Yours sincerely,  
NOEL FALCONER,  
223 Bramhall Moon Lane,  
Hazel Grove, Stockport.  
May 20.

From Professor Viscount Samuel

Sir, A solution to the problem of fires on the Eurotunnel train might be the covering of each lattice-sided freight wagon with a jacket or "tarpaulin" made of Kevlar. This is an aramid polymer fibre used for the manufacture of protective clothing for firemen and tank crews. This cloth is flexible, fairly light, and almost indestructible by fire.

I understand it was reported that a restriction on weight was the main reason for the open design of the wagons used for lorries. Aramid "curtains" would reduce the amount of oxygen available to a burning lorry, thereby containing the spread of the fire and, at the same time, would help to prevent the escape of smoke into the tunnels.

Yours sincerely,  
DAVID SAMUEL,  
Weizmann Institute of Science,  
Department of Environmental Sciences and Energy Research,  
76100 Rehovot, Israel.  
May 21.

### Start at the top

From Mr John Reade

Sir, Whilst seeking suitable work through your recruitment supplement ("Management plus") this morning I was astounded to learn from the article on board meetings of a woman who had managed to land (please excuse the pun) a directorship with British Airways where she went into her first



## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
May 22. The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, Colonel, this afternoon presented new Colours to the 1st Battalion Irish Guards outside the State Entrance, Windsor Castle.

Having been received upon arrival by the Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel (Brigadier) Christopher Hawkesworth, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness received in Parade Room, Royal Salute.

The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg was also present.

After the presentation, The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Battalion and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel James Park) respectively.

The Queen, accompanied by The Grand Duke and Duchess of Luxembourg, attended a Garden Party at the Cricket Ground.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this morning chaired a meeting and gave a luncheon for the Board of Trust.

Her Royal Highness, President, Westminster Abbey Trust, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the Trustees at Westminster Abbey, London SW1.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Royal Edinburgh Society, this evening attended a meeting and gave a luncheon for the Board of Trust.

Her Royal Highness, President, Hornsey School and Centre for Girls, attended a meeting of the families Y-Bond, Bridgwater.

Afterwards, The Duchess of Gloucester visited Pen-Dre High School, Merthyr Tydfil, and later, as Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance, Wales, opened a new Ambulance Hall in Abertillery.

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His Royal Highness this afternoon

gave a Reception for the Royal Parks Agency.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
May 22. The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Guide Association, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association, held this morning at Commonwealth Headquarters, Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1, and afterwards at Guildhall, EC2.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**

May 22. Princess Alex, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, this afternoon received Colonel Peter Worth and Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Swallow, representatives of the Northamptonshire Regiment Association.

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The Queen will visit the South Tyneside Magistrate's Court, Millbank, Tyne and Wear, at 10.20 am, and, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, will open Siemens Water Fabrications Facility, Silloth, Lancashire, at 11.30 am. They will visit Newcastle United Football Club at 1.00 pm. The Duke of Edinburgh will visit 607 (Weymouth) Squadron, Douglas Road, Seaburn at 10.25 am.

## General Sir John Gibson

A Memorial Service for General Sir John Gibson, GCB, OBE, will be held at 11am on Monday September 29, at the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

## Luncheon

**Lord Taylor of Blackburn**  
Lord Taylor of Blackburn was the host at a luncheon given by the Executive Committee of the Unifed Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentarians Association at the House of Lords yesterday to bid farewell to the Deputy Speakers, Ministers and Members of Commonwealth Parliament attending the 1997 visit to Westminster.

Dr John Marek, MP, chairman of the branch executive committee, presided.

## Service dinners

### HMS Victory

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host at a dinner held last night onboard HMS Victory. Sir Rodney Sweetman, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and Lady Sweetman were among the guests.

### HMS Northwood

Former officers of the HMS Northwood training department held their annual dinner at the Savile Club last night. Lieutenant-Commander Michael Billingham presided.

### HAC Active Officers

Active Officers of the Honourable Artillery Company dined last night at Armoury Hall, London EC4.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Ferguson, Commanding Officer, presided. General Sir Michael Wilkes, Colonel Com-

mandant, was among the guests.

### BIRTHS

Mr Leonard C. McKane

A Service of Thanksgiving for Mr Leonard C. (Mac) McKane of Government Communications Headquarters, was held yesterday at St Bride's Fleet Street, Canon John Carter, Vicar of St Bride's, read the lessons and Dr Anthony Clement gave an address.

### DEATHS

Mr Christopher McNamee, son of the Revd Canon Mr. and Mrs. McNamee, grand-daughter, read a poem by Olga Selakova. Mr Stewart Wheler paid tribute and Sir Peter Marquish gave an address.

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### MEMORIAL SERVICES

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## OBITUARIES

## DR NOEL BROWNE

Dr Noel Browne, former Minister of Health and social politician in Ireland, died in Galway yesterday aged 81. He was born in Waterford on December 20, 1915.

A s Minister for Health in the Irish Government formed in 1948, Dr Noel Browne was credited with eliminating the deadly scourge of tuberculosis which had decimated generations of young Irish people.

In 1951 he sought to introduce a free maternity service. The Irish bishops, egged on by a medical profession alarmed by the prospect of socialised medicine, opposed the scheme on the grounds that it was not means-tested and was therefore contrary to Catholic social teaching. When Browne refused to alter it, despite being asked to do so by his colleagues, he was told to resign by his party leader Sean MacBride.

Although he remained in politics as a hardline socialist for many years, he never held office again. But he remained an icon for those who denounced Irish society as socially unjust and deplored the influence of the Roman Catholic Church.

Noel Browne's own background was a strange blend of deprivation and privilege. Both his father, who had been an inspector with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and his mother died from tuberculosis when he was a child and the penniless family was scattered.

His elder sister took care of him and the woman who employed her as a manager of a holiday home for children in the South of England had the young Noel enrolled as a pupil in a Catholic preparatory school called St Anthony's in Eastbourne.

From there he won a scholarship to Beaumont, the Jesuit public school near Windsor, where he became friendly with Neville Chance, who was the son of the late Sir Arthur Chance, the last King's surgeon in Ireland.

It was Lady Chance, who paid Browne's fees as a medical student at Trinity College Dublin. She was a person of considerable wealth (her father was William Martin Murphy, the leader of the Dublin employers who put down the general strike of 1913. As such he was a hate-figure among Labour people in Ireland.)

After he qualified as a doctor, Browne contracted tuberculosis himself and was treated at a hospital in England. Later, during the war years, he worked as a doctor in various English sanatoriums. He continued to specialise in tuberculosis on his return to Ireland in 1946.



Contact made with a patient led him into a campaign for political action to deal with the disease. He joined the Clann na Pobla party which had been founded by Sean MacBride, a barrister and former Chief of Staff of the IRA.

Browne was elected to the Dail in 1948, defeating by only a few votes the Labour candidate Eleanor Butler, who subsequently became Countess of Wicklow. After the election a coalition Government was formed out of a diverse collection of parties, the only bond between which was opposition to Éamon de Valera, who had by then been in office as head of government for 16 years.

Browne became Minister for Health on his first day in the Dail. He was the first public schoolboy and the first Trinity graduate to serve in an Irish government.

The campaign he waged to eradicate tuberculosis won acclaim. He built numerous sanatoriums out of funds accumulated from the proceeds of the Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes run on major racing events such as the Grand National.

This was popular, but there were those who thought it was somewhat profligate at a time when drugs such as streptomycin were becoming available — drugs which were to bring the great tuberculosis epidemic to an end within a few years.

Browne was undiplomatic in his dealings with the medical profession and got rid of his own departmental

legal adviser, who was the real author of the mother and child scheme he proposed in 1951.

In the context of the Ireland of that day — where most hospitals ran on the voluntary work of religious orders — it was simply not practical politics to attempt to disregard the views of the Catholic hierarchy. That he should have broken with them over the issue of whether those who were able to pay should receive a free service was in itself evidence of a political naivety and lack of sense of proportion that were as characteristic of the man as were the hatred of injustice and idealism that inspired him.

Although Browne continued to be elected to the Dail, where he represented one of Dublin's more affluent constituencies, he never came near to holding office again. He was at different times a member of four other political parties, but he was always an uneasy colleague, slow to compromise, quick to elevate disagreements into points of principle, and ever ready to impugn the motives of those who did not agree with him.

He was powerful in denunciation, and his speeches, which began with the audience straining to hear him, often ended in a voice that bordered on the strident. He remained too far removed from the mainstream of Irish opinion even when the role of the Church came under increasing suspicion. He had a withering contempt for much Nationalist ideology, which he felt had been used as an opium for the people who needed social justice and emancipation from a repressive Church.

Browne was a loner, though not without considerable social charm at a personal level.

He remained a doctor, though he did not carry on a private practice, and he changed his specialty from tuberculosis to psychiatry. This confirmed him in his hostile attitude to the Church, as he saw the harm that could be caused in individual lives by the more repressive Catholic teaching, especially on sexual matters.

After he finally left politics in 1982 he retired to live in the vast emptiness of Connemara on the West Coast. In 1986 he published his memoirs *Against the Tide*; this proved a powerfully written book. Among other things, it contained a heart-rending account of his tragic childhood, which gave an insight into the reasons for his bitterness towards those who perpetrated injustice. But there was something less appealing in the unkinked and somewhat self-righteous manner in which he denounced other politicians.

Noel Browne is survived by his wife Phyllis, and two daughters.

## PETER SNAPE

Peter Snape, OBE, headmaster and administrator, died on April 30 aged 71. He was born on June 4, 1925.

PETER SNAPE was an effective and inspiring headmaster who went on to become a distinguished educational administrator. As head of the King Edward VI School in Tormes for almost twenty years from 1964, he was a highly successful pioneer of comprehensive education, and his school came to exemplify all that was good in the new system.

Later, as general secretary in the 1980s of both the Secondary Heads' Association (representing state schools) and the Headmasters' Conference (which draws its members from the independent sector), he had a hand in holding together the two worlds of state and independent secondary education in a turbulent period when they might easily have drifted apart. He also supported and advised the heads of state secondary schools during those years of unprecedented disruption in their schools.

Thomas Peter Snape came from a modest home in Yorkshire. He was educated at Cockburn High School in Leeds and at Exeter College, Oxford, where he read English. After teaching in a variety of grammar and comprehensive schools between 1950 and 1960, he was appointed headmaster of Semple High School in 1960.

His greatest school achievement began in 1964, when he became Headmaster of King Edward VI Grammar School in Tormes. Five years later the grammar school was transformed into the much larger King Edward VI Comprehensive School, on a new site on the edge of the town. Not only did Snape ensure that the transition was smoothly accomplished, but he saw the new school go on to become a highly successful example of comprehensive education.

Snape reigned at King Edward's — if reigned is not too grand a word for his splendidly unbent style of headmastering — with great success until 1983, inspiring cajoling and enabling his expanding staff to develop a tradition of hard work and an unbounded enthusiasm for the new school they were together creating.

From 1983 to 1986 Snape was general secretary of the Secondary Heads' Association and of the Headmasters' Conference. It was at this period that his compassion and diplomacy were given full rein. The heads of state secondary schools were being ground between the upper and nether millstones of the local authorities and rebellious teaching staff. Demonstrations, boycotts and strikes were rife. Snape stiffened the heads' resolve and gave them moral support at a cost to himself of endless phone calls, long train journeys and voluminous correspondence. Those who worked with him during this time bear witness to his patience, wit and good humour under pressure. On his retirement in 1988 he was appointed OBE.



Snape held a Leverhulme Research Fellowship in the United States in 1970, and was a member of the consultative committee of the Assessment of Performance Unit, 1975-84, and of the Teachers' Education Accreditation Council 1984-86. He was a Justice of the Peace in Devon from 1975. He published a book called *Ten Sites in Towns* in 1990 and also contributed to learned journals.

The years of retirement were not entirely easy. Snape and his wife Anne had a home in Tormes and a flat in London, and they moved regularly between them. In 1994, however, they were stricken by the death of their only son, Adam. Moreover, Snape's ill-health made it difficult for him to read for any length of time. This was irksome, for books had always given him particular pleasure. But he never lost his puckish sense of humour.

Peter Snape is survived by his wife and their three daughters.

## GIUSEPPE DE SANTIS

Giuseppe De Santis, Italian film director, died on May 16 aged 80. He was born on February 14, 1917.

ALTHOUGH banned by the US Legion of Decency, the film *Riso Amaro* (Bitter Rice) was an international success, establishing its director Giuseppe De Santis as one of the key figures of the Italian neorealist movement.

A vehement anti-Fascist committed to Marxist principals, De Santis used his movies to communicate a social message. His *Riso Amaro* dealt with the exploitation of girls hired seasonally as rice-picking labourers on the marshes of the Upper Po. He cast the exotic Silvana Mangano — who had been the 1946 Miss Rome — in a



Fascism and traditional Italian cinema.

In 1940 De Santis was working as a reviewer for the magazine *Cinema* edited by Benito Mussolini's son

Vittorio, when he met Luchino Visconti and the two, who shared many of the same ideas, decided to film James Cain's novel *The Postman Always Rings Twice* and adapt it to "the true reality of our country". De Santis and a former fellow student Mario Alcanta walled themselves up in Visconti's home during the winter of 1941-42 writing the script for the film *Ossessione*, which Visconti directed. It heralded the beginning of what was later to be called neo-realism.

De Santis made his directorial debut in 1945 with a documentary celebrating the fall of Fascism. Its lyrical imagery owed much to Eisenstein. The first feature film he directed was *Caccia Tragica* (*The Tragic Hunt*, 1947) — a tale of confusion of identities

which reflected the chaos of postwar Italy and which, discreetly successful, was to establish itself as a key film of the neo-realism movement.

On the strength of it De Santis was signed up by Lux, a large Italian film company of the time, and it was with them that he made *Riso Amaro* in 1949. He followed this with two films *Non C'è Pace tra gli Uli* (*Under the Olive Tree*, 1950) and *Roma Ora II* (Rome II o'clock, 1952). All were successful — praised for their promotion of social reform but criticised for their concessions to commercialism.

Yet, with his five following films, De Santis's reputation waned, though his continued loyalty to the Communist cause (even after the Soviet Union had invaded Hungary) helped him to find financing for such projects as his 1957 *La strada lungo un anno* (*The Road That Lasted a Year*), a film applauding the solidarity of unpaid workers in Yugoslavia. In 1964 he filmed in Russia a *Italiani brava gente*, a movie about an Italian regiment on the Eastern front.

His last movie — *Un'apprezzata professionista con scarsi avvenimenti* (*An Appreciated Professional with an Unlikely Future*) — was made in 1972. Many considered it his worst. Nonetheless, in 1995, De Santis received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Berlin Film Festival, where he was acclaimed not only for his contribution to Italian cinema, but also for his professional integrity.

De Santis married Giovanna Valeri in 1943.



A scene from De Santis's *Bitter Rice*, with Silvana Mangano (centre)

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## Brown's treatment of Governor prompts anger in City



George: considered resigning

BY JILL SHERMAN  
AND ROBERT MILLER

SENIOR City bankers are furious at the way the Governor of the Bank of England has been treated by the new Government and are insisting that he should not be forced to resign.

The row erupted this week when it became clear that Eddie George, the Governor, was "very angry" at the way in which he was told only 24 hours before the Chancellor announced on Tuesday that he would transfer the supervision of UK banks from the Bank to the beefed-up Securities and Investments Board.

Mr George was assured in a private

letter from Mr Brown two weeks ago that changes to bank supervision would not happen immediately and that there would be full consultation beforehand. Mr George then briefed senior Bank directors and reassured the 425 staff working in the supervision department.

Mr George has not denied that he considered resigning, but added that such thoughts "went away very quickly". However, a senior Minister is believed to want the Governor replaced, and is reported to have said he has "played into our hands".

Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest Bank group, said: "I

think Eddie George has been an excellent Governor and the fact that the Bank has been granted operational independence is a reflection of his skills. His reputation among international central banks is as a serious professional banker.

"I can see no reason whatsoever why his term should be brought prematurely to an end and very solid reasons why he should stay on for another term. If he were to go, it would create uncertainty as to whether the Government has the appropriate judgment."

Another senior banker said: "If Mr George were not such a splendid public servant he would have re-

signed on Monday. To expect someone to behave well when you are behaving badly is the height of ill manners."

Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey National, said: "Eddie George is an outstanding Governor and he will just take a little time to adapt to the massive changes that were sprung on him without warning."

The Treasury yesterday dismissed reports that Gavin Davies, chief economist at Goldman Sachs, is set to become the next Governor of the Bank of England.

Mr Davies, a close friend of both Mr Brown and Tony Blair, had been tipped to become one of the two new

deputies at the Bank and a frontrunner to succeed Mr George whose contract expires next June. But Mr Davies is rumoured to have told Gordon Brown that he would only accept the job as deputy if he received a commitment that he would replace Mr George.

Treasury sources were yesterday playing down suggestions that Mr Davies will be one of the two new deputies. They argued that the decision did not have to be taken until the Bank of England Bill had reached the statute books.

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## STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4651.8	(+9.8)
Yield	3.52%	
FTSE All share	2212.7	(+3.49)
Nikkei	18977.39	(+3.41)
Dax-Jones	7882.25	(+28.44)
S&P Composite	826.93	(-2.34)

## US RATE

Federal Funds	87.45%	(54.4%)
Long Bond	95.10%	(95.10%)
Yield	6.99%	(6.99%)

## LONDON MONEY

3-month Interbank	87.1%	(61.1%)
Future (3m)	111.1%	(112.1%)

## STERLING

New York	1.6283*	(1.6455)
London	1.6245	(1.6487)
S...	2.2177	(2.2145)
DM	9.2116	(9.2116)
FF	2.3064	(2.3290)
SF	168.49	(183.34)
Ven...	98.4	(98.1)
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## USD \$1

London	1.6988*	(1.6988)
DM	5.7085*	(5.7085)
FF	1.4128*	(1.4060)
SF	115.90*	(114.38)
Ven...	100.1	(101.5)

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug)	\$20.30	(\$20.15)
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## GOLD

London close	\$342.75	(\$342.55)
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\* denotes midday trading price

## Beckett overrules OFT on railway franchises

BY FRASER NELSON AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MARGARET BECKETT, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday overruled John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, and referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the award of two train franchises to National Express, the largest railway operator.

It was the first time for six years a deal has been referred to the MMC against the director-general's advice. A spokeswoman for Mr Bridgeman said that there was no question of him resigning.

Mr Bridgeman ruled that the award of ScotRail and Central Trains to National Express, which receives £25 million a year in subsidy, did not pose a serious competitive threat. The director-general, who waved through the Central Trains franchise, suggested National Express should divest its Scottish Citylink bus network to avoid a referral. The service is Scotland's largest coach network.

In the West Midlands, where Central Trains runs National Express owns Travel West Midland — which commands 70 per cent of the bus routes in the region.

The move astonished the City, who had considered the National Express deal beyond jurisdiction. Shares of National Express fell by 28 p. to 490 p. as did shares of every other rail operating company, wiping £97 million from the value of the sector.

Mrs Beckett has the power to refer four other franchises: North London Railways, also

dised company since the days of nationalisation.

Mr Beckett's decision reflects concern over the control of the privatised rail network at a time when Labour is preparing tougher regulation of railway franchises.

Yesterday Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister, said in a Commons written reply that John O'Brien, the rail franchising director, is to review his enforcement powers. She said: "We believe that the tools presently available to regulators are inadequate and have already begun to seek ways of strengthening them in the interests of passengers."

Although Government sources insisted that Mrs Beckett was not attempting to influence the MMC, they conceded that she more indicated "real concerns" about a company running coach and rail services in the same area.

However, they insisted that the move did not mark the beginning of a more general trend to refer other franchises to the MMC.

The move came as John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister with responsibility for transport, has pressed the rail regulators to tighten their own control both of train-operating companies and of Railtrack, the company in charge of track and stations.

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**I**t was Michael Heseltine who promised to intervene before breakfast, lunch and dinner; but yesterday the new President of the Board of Trade adopted a somewhat interventionist stance. Her decision to refer National Express's rail franchise acquisitions to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was in complete defiance of the advice of the Office of Fair Trading.

John Bridgeman, the OFT Director-General, should find a quiet corner to commiserate with Eddie George, another victim of the new Government's trampling tendencies.

The Governor of the Bank of England is being treated with near contempt by Chancellor Gordon Brown and his gang. The sin of giving the Governor barely 24 hours' notice of a cataclysmic change in the Bank's role is now being compounded by a drip feed of rumours that he can forget any plans for a second term of office.

The much vaunted partnership which New Labour is pledged to establish with the business world is looking a trifle rocky after this dual attack.

To be fair to Mrs Beckett, she has made no secret of her wishes to tighten up competition policy, and rail franchises provide her with a publicly popular starting point. Bridgeman is graciously indicating that trains are a special case and he is not taking offence at being over-ridden. But even before the election, he had

made clear his frustration at the OFT's lack of powers; he is unlikely to be enthused to see what power he does have subsided in this manner.

His predecessor, Sir Bryan Carsberg, quit after finding the level of ministerial intervention in competition issues intolerable, and that was before the zealous Mrs B moved into office.

She can, at least, make a case for her actions being in the public interest but it is harder to see how the farce over the Bank of England can be portrayed as anything other than arrogance or ineptitude.

Poor Mr George, one of the world's more respected central bankers, was understandably furious about the short notice he was given of Chancellor Brown's planned changes. But he did not threaten to resign. There are now hints that certain Labour politicians may be keen to engineer just such a departure, although the motives are opaque. We can surely discount stories that their intention is to create a vacancy for the benefit of Gavyn Davies, a pet Labour economist for his appointment in the wake of such stories would eliminate the idea of an independent Bank of England.

Luckily, Mr George is a sufficiently independent spirit for the recent turn of events to have ensured that resignation is not on his agenda.

However, the episode has stirred up uncertainty, not just at the Bank but in the financial markets. Mr Brown should be wary of believing that the Government can sweet talk the money men as easily as it can some parts of the business community.

### Selling the right image

**S**toreshouse has an image problem. Its penchant for changing finance directors has not helped, and the bow ties favoured by the current incumbent's predecessor, Terry Steele, coupled with his previous employment at Lloyd's Chemists certainly raised eyebrows. But the company insists that the

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figures should be allowed to speak, and they tell a reasonable tale.

Storeshouse is not yet in the Marks & Spencer league, but it is now a focused business with two main brands: BHS and Mothercare. The former is growing at a reasonable rate and the indications are that it has found a recipe which will speed that up.

But if it should be possible to rebuild Mothercare it once was. Whether it was necessary to so generously relieve Boots of the problem of Childrens World in order to do so has yet to be proven.

Keith Edelman came to Storeshouse with the reputation of a young man eager to do deals — another image problem for a business that clearly needed strong operational management after an eventful few years. Conranisation had been followed by the colourful reign of the banana-chewing American David Dworkin. Both knew a lot about image but neither were meant for the corporate long haul.

Edelman and his chairman, Alan Smith, survivor of a brief

they are enjoying some growth at the moment hits that image problem, since the company cannot explain why the excuse for the last twelve months no longer apply.

Once they convince that they can produce them, the image problem should fade very fast.

### Rough ride for transport shares

**A**s the monopolies commission takes the view that overlapping transport systems are undesirable for Scotland, then is that to be the view about the rest of the country?

And what if the inquiry in the Midlands takes in, as it must, those bus routes which provide almost two thirds of National Express's group profits — and decides such a monopoly is too powerful?

### Up in smoke

**D**A NEW anti-smoking drug has just hit the pharmacists of the United States. Sadly, it cannot help those in the UK who are addicted to the dreaded weed. It seems that the Health Department refuses to designate smoking as a disease. If logic prevails, this attitude may soon change, in line with the government attitude to tobacco advertising. Glaxo, makers of the said drug, are not holding their breath.

## BNB set for sharp drop in income

BY JON ASHWORTH

**B**NB Resources, the recruitment-to-training company that owns Norman Broadbent International (NBI), is braced for a sharp drop in income from headhunting activities.

A one-year cross-subsidy arrangement with former headhunting colleagues ended in March, depriving BNB of at least £1 million in income. Former NBI staff, including Miles Broadbent, co-founder of Norman Broadbent, were obliged to hand over 50 per cent of their earnings for 12 months, under a deal agreed with David Norman, chairman of BNB. This cushion has now ended, leaving BNB to make up the shortfall. Mr Broadbent and his former colleagues are thought to have handed over in excess of £1 million last year.

Journalists were excluded from yesterday's annual meeting of BNB shareholders. In a statement released to the market, Mr Norman described 1996 as "a year of significant reorganisation" and, to aggregate, lower profitability, and said that 1997 profits would be more heavily weighted towards the second half, reflecting "slower progress" in executive search. He added: "We now rely proportionately, much less heavily upon the contribution from Norman Broadbent."

Mr Norman, who was paid £627,000 last year, down from £765,000 in 1995, is likely to have faced questions about the substantial NBI staff departures, which saw operating income at NBI fall 33 per cent in the year to end-December. The fall came in spite of the cushioning effect of the cross-subsidy arrangement.

The numbers were boosted further by a full-year contribution from Goodman Graham, the IT recruitment specialist.

Mr Norman's share of NBI profits increased to £19,000 (£175,000), but his BNB performance bonus tumbled from £193,000 to £30,000, leaving him with an overall bonus of £221,000. He earned a basic salary of £380,000 in 1996.

## Mothercare suffers as parents buy 'brands'

BY PAUL DURMAN

**H**EAVID spending by parents on branded sportswear for older children is eating into the money available for clothes for the under-fives. Storeshouse claimed yesterday (See Commentary, this page).

Keith Edelman, chief executive of Storeshouse, the owner of BHS and Mothercare, said: "Some of the money that goes into 2- to 5-year-olds is going out to pay for some of the highly priced branded goods."

He said this was one reason why Mothercare failed to meet its targets last year. Although operating profits moved ahead by 10.7 per cent to £26.8 million, sales growth was dependent on the strength of the international franchise business, where sales rose 27 per

cent to £45.4 million. Mothercare's like-for-like sales — disclosed for the first time — fell by 3.3 per cent.

Mr Edelman said that Mothercare was trying to counter the competition from branded sportswear by redesigning its clothing along similar lines — for example, a Thomas the Tank Engine sweatshirt that majored on the word "Thomas" and incorporated only a small logo.

Mr Edelman commented: "A 2- to 5-year-old does not really want to run around in Nike. He wants to run around in Thomas the Tank Engine or Postman Pat — but he wants to do it in a fashionable way."

Storeshouse was reporting an 11 per cent fall in pre-tax

profits from £109.9 million to £97.8 million in the 52 weeks to March 29. Group sales rose 15 per cent to £1.25 billion. The profits fall was because of the £16.4 million cost of restructuring Childrens World, bought from Boots last year, and a £5.1 million goodwill writeback on the sale of Blazier, the menswear chain. Retail operating profit rose 17 per cent to £119 million.

BHS increased its profits by 14 per cent to £88.3 million. A strong Christmas contributed to a 3.1 per cent rise in like-for-like sales.

Storeshouse said it now had sufficient profits to invest £120 million this year in new stores, rolling out its "millennium" store fit to more branches of

BHS, and converting Childrens World to Mothercare World. This programme is expected to create 1,000 new jobs.

Storeshouse intends to spend more than £50 million modernising its management information systems over the next three years.

The company said that group sales in the eight weeks to last Saturday were 15.5 per cent ahead of last year. UK sales at BHS were 6.7 per cent up, while Mothercare was 5.7 per cent ahead.

A final dividend of 4.8p will increase the total payout by 13 per cent to 8.1p a share.

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Geoffrey Maddrell views the Guinness-GrandMet merger as an opportunity

## Glenmorangie cheer

BY FRASER NELSON

**G**LENMORANGIE is sifting up three subsidiaries of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan with a view to bidding for businesses jettisoned as part of the brewing giants' £23 billion merger.

The company, which bought Allied Domecq's Islay distillery for £7 million last year, said it is still capable of more acquisitions.

Geoffrey Maddrell, chairman, said: "We do not feel threatened by the merger,

and, in the short term, we view it as an opportunity. Things are bound to drop off the bus, and these are brands which we could pick up."

Yesterday the company returned pre-tax profits of £1.3 million (£15.57 million) for the year to March 31 buoyed by the success of exports and its new range of whiskies.

Glenmorangie Expressions and Glenmorangie Wood Finishes, the new brands, listed their sales by 20 per cent

over the year. Glen Moray, the Highland malt, saw a 46 per cent increase in volume.

Mr Maddrell said the company is saving the whisky for bottling in anticipation of a surge in demand over the next five years. Earnings were 41.2p per limited Voting A share, and 20.63p per B share, both up 3 per cent. The total dividend rises 10 per cent to 13.2p per A share and 10.75p per B share, up 6.6p per B share, with a 5.08p final.

## Vaux sees benefits of pubs exit

BY FRASER NELSON

**R**ETREAT from tenanted pubs helped Vaux the hotels, pubs and brewing combine, to lift profits to £15.2 million (£13.3 million) at the halfway stage as the company shifted towards the better-performing hotel business.

Vaux has shed one in ten of its 776 pubs over the last year, leaving its Swallows Hotels chain to make 50 per cent of trading profit for the first time. Its managed pubs returned a 14 per cent increase in profit, to £4.7 million, with the growth led by demand for food.

Sir Paul Nicholson, chairman, said the decline in profit from the remaining pubs is showing signs of slowing in spite of a disappointing Easter.

The hotel chain lifted profitability from 26 per cent to 29 per cent, with room rates rising to £49.12 (£45.14).

Overall, earnings rose to 8.33p (7.23p) for the 24 weeks to March 15 and an interim dividend of 3.7p (3.5p) is due on July 7.

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## Graseby chief recruited by Balfour to boost margins

BY PAUL DURMAN

**B**ALFOUR BEATTY is attempting to improve the margins of its UK construction activities by recruiting Paul Lester, chief executive of BICC, the cables group that owns Balfour Beatty, is anxious to improve profit margins from the construction business.

Last year Balfour Beatty made only £10 million of profit from £2.1 billion of sales. UK construction provides more than a third of this turnover.

Mr Lester, 47, had a chequered time at Graseby as the company struggled with

declining defence spending and a variety of other problems. He said yesterday: "The one success I have had is getting the margins up from 3 per cent to over 10 per cent."

Balfour Beatty will pay Mr Lester more than the £184,000 salary he received from Graseby last year. Mr Lester's replacement at Graseby is John Hawkins, who was formerly president of Philips Media, a CD-Rom business.

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## Mortgages

### NOTICE OF INTEREST RATE VARIATION

The following interest rates for mortgages provided by Centrebank, a Division of Bank of Scotland, will apply with effect from 30th May 1997 for both new and existing borrowers.

#### Centrebank Mortgage Rate (Variable) 7.59% per annum

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#### Adaptable Mortgage Plan Charging Rate 7.75% per annum

#### Home Loan Rate 7.59% per annum

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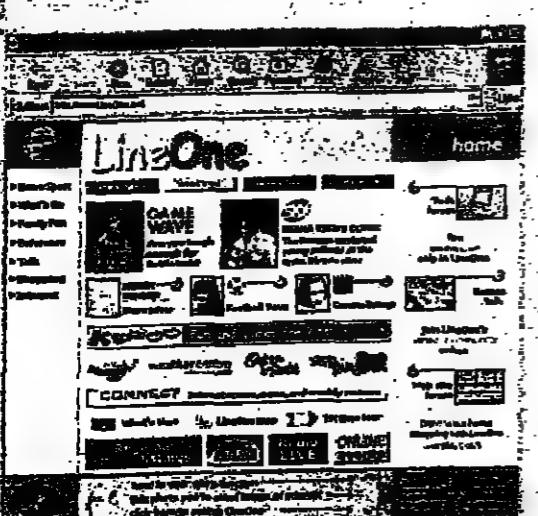
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## BUSINESS LETTER

**Small firms are more to blame**

From G. P. Trace

Sir, The current initiative to make interest on overdue business debt overlooks one essential fact. It is not the large company that regularly pays at 60, 90 or even 120 days that does the damage. This is predictable and once the initial credit period is financed the supplying company receives regular monthly payments. Should interest on overdue debt become mandatory, these large companies will merely negotiate 60, 90 or 120 days as of right, avoid interest and nothing will have changed.

Ten years working at the heart of the problem as a management consultant advising small to medium-sized companies tells me that the real damage is caused when one small company runs into financial trouble and completely stops paying another, often causing a domino effect. I have tackled the problem from both sides and can state that charging interest will do nothing. The struggling company would gladly pay interest rather than the capital sum owed. The interest is an irrelevance to the cashflow of the recipient. (About £80 per month on a £10,000 debt) However, any interest paid reduces the total fund available to pay its creditors — again nothing has changed.

There will be administrative costs in complying. Will a credit licence be needed and, if not, is this a loophole for unscrupulous companies, is the interest to be invoiced and be liable to tax as extra profit, possibly before it is received? I could go on, but I hope that this is enough to cause supporters of this outwardly sensible idea to revisit their proposal and think again.

Yours faithfully,

G. P. TRACE,  
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Oxon, Birkenhead,  
Wirral

## Stop whingeing about sterling

From S. W. de Looze

Sir, I am fed up with UK companies moaning about the strength of the pound and using it as an excuse for failing profits.

May I use your columns to remind British industry that Germany and Japan have lived for 50 years or so with a constantly appreciating currency. Their economies remain two of the most successful in the world. Rather than calling for sterling to be steadily depreciated in order to maintain its competitiveness, British industry should take a leaf out of the Germany-Japan book and use a strong pound as a driver for innovation and efficiency improvement.

Let's hear no more of this whingeing.

Yours faithfully,  
S. W. de Looze  
10 South Park View,  
Gerrards Cross,  
Buckinghamshire.

## Bruised fruit

THE Bank of England is £3 million to the good after an unexpected windfall from the collapsed Slater, Walker. The profit is noted in the Bank's annual report. Younger readers may like to know that Slater, Walker became the Poly Peck of its day, under the tender guidance of Jim Slater. It was pushed, under by the secondary banking crisis of the early 1970s and the collapse of the stock market, when the index fell 70 per cent — yes, it can indeed. The Bank was required to lend support in 1975 and bought the whole lot two years later. Slater is now an investment guru who writes about picking

shares, bringing to mind Johnson's quip about second marriages: "A triumph of hope over experience."

A Bank source said the £3-million was a deposit that Slater, Walker had always had there. It was treated as a residual asset when the business was wound up after being in members' voluntary liquidation for several years. I wonder vaguely why creditors did not get the cash. "Because we bought it," she says pithily.

• THE after-dinner cabaret at the Building Societies Association was Helen Shapiro, the States pop singer. This led to a rather curious cultural clash, my spirit tell me. All the crusty old members of the BSA were busy pretending they had never heard of her. "Before my time. Frightful pop stuff. Led Zeppelin, now that was proper music." Unfortunately, in one of those weird and increasingly common shifts in popular culture, Ms Shapiro, by virtue of her age and utter naivety, is now blindingly cool again. So she went down a storm with the younger members. Me, I lost the plot when the style police disinterred Abba.

## Easy go

I HEAR Julie Ramshaw, the former Morgan Stanley retail analyst, is on

"1997 is the year of the fat cat"



Her way again from Laura Ashley where she is director of merchandising, and may head back to the City. Sources say there is no truth in any suggestion that her relationship with Ann Iverson, the American who took home more than £1 million in pay last year, may have become strained.

Helen Govett looks a good billet for her, the retail team being a bit light there after Richard Edwards upped and left for Salomon Brothers. There are said to be plans to expand the team further, to take in European retailers. Talking of strained relationships, her former colleague at Morgan Stanley, Nick Bubb, this week announced he was joining Société Générale from Mees Pierson.

## how long have you been an inside left?

There she will receive a number 9 shirt, as sported by Alan Shearer, the England captain. It is not thought likely Her Majesty will ever wear it. The gift is to be handed over by Sir John Hall, who has acquired a curious nickname. He is known in the North East as "Turtle", because of his curious accent and his habit of being "turtled" behind his now-departed manager, Kevin Keegan.

## Hair today

ON THE day that we learned of the probable departure of Stephen Silverne, the House of Commons barber, I can reveal where the true torsorial power lies under New Labour. MJM of Crawford Street, London, just north of Marble Arch, is where both Tony Blair and Lord Irvine of Lairg (formerly Derry Irvine) have their locks tended.

The PM is a long-time client of Maurice Miller, the salon's owner, although I understand the latter has tended to head along the traffic-clogged Euston Road to Islington for appointments. Information the tabloids would have killed for during that ludicrous pre-election spat over whether Blair had changed his hairstyle — a story which originated, as I recall, in the *Financial Times*.

## Loss of power

WHICH captain of industry was gleefully celebrating the downfall of fan

Lang, one-time president of the board of trade and now without a Commons seat? Apparently the corks were popping in the Ed Wallis household on election night. The forthright chairman of PowerGen was not acting out of any ideological fervour. Lang last April defied a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report and blocked the PowerGen takeover of Midlands Electricity along with another deal by rival National Power. It was seen at the time as a perverse decision, and Wallis is known to have taken it very personally. Not to put too fine a point on it, he moaned for months afterwards. Do not expect to see Lang popping up as a non-executive on that particular board.

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Helen Shapiro: cool again

## Child fashions leave retailers worse for wear

Jon Ashworth reports on tough state of the competitive children's wear market

What is it about children's clothing that brings out the worst in everyone? Placid wives are transformed into raging monsters if deprived of the latest BabyGap dungarees. Cash-stricken husbands start working weekends, and even such masters of retailing as Marks & Spencer seem unable to make any money out of it all. Yesterday's results from Storehouse, the Bhs-to-Mothercare group, made much of the difficulties. Keith Edelman, chief executive, said children's wear enjoyed a good run from 1990 to 1995, with parents spending consistently more each year. Spending held steady last year, but did not rise. Mr Edelman said he expected children's wear to pick up again in a couple of years: "You can't dip in and out of markets just because they're having a bad year."

This week's

record profits from Marks & Spencer would have been even better had it not been for the tough state of the children's wear market. Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, conceded this was a sector where M&S had the lowest market share, just 11 to 12 per cent. While not doing badly, it had yet to match the returns elsewhere, he said.

The massive boom in

branded sports/leisurewear

and replica football strips

has played a big role in

making traditional child-

ren's wear the most de-

pressed sector of the

clothing market, according

to research by Verdict,

the retail consultant. Burgeon-

ing brand consciousness

among kids has diverted

significant chunks of spend-

ing away from mainstream

children's wear retailers

and into the cash registers of

chains such as JJB Sports

and JD Sports.

The result is that

the children's wear market grew

just 0.3 per cent, to £3.2

billion, in 1996. Verdict

found that £150 million was

spent on replica football kits

last year, with stripes easily

matching the boom in labels

such as Nike and Adidas on

sweatshirts and T-shirts.

Gross profit margins are

lower in children's wear than adultwear, and stock-holding needs are greater because of the wider range of sizes that need to be carried. Profitability is lower, and it is more difficult for children's wear retailers to cover the occupancy costs of prime high street space. Hence retailers such as Next, Principles or Etam place their children's clothes in less accessible areas.

Verdict sees deepening problems at Adams, part of Sears, and static prospects for Mothercare. Next is seen as the exception, increasing market share by transposing adult designs into children's ranges, while Gap has rapidly built a loyal following. M&S, the UK's single largest children's wear retailer, could boost prospects by broadening its product range to include more fashionable merchandise.

Children's wear is a strong area of focus for food retailers, who are making their presence felt. Asda leads the field with its George brand, while Tesco's Items and the more recent Kids-Own at Safeway are gaining in prominence. Gap year: designer label with a loyal following

Part of the problem for retailers is the ready market in nearly-new clothes. A pair of hard-wearing dungarees costing £50 in a high street boutique can be had for a handful of pounds elsewhere.

Parents also complain about poor in-store layout. However, designer brands such as BabyGap and GapKids continue to lure the faithful with their designer cachet.

As a Gap spokesman says: "It is good quality, fun, basic clothing, which has a certain aspirational feel for the parents." And GapKids changes its collection every six weeks, making it hard for the bigger retailers to keep up.

Children's wear will remain one of the most difficult markets for making money. As Verdict says: "A future of a falling birthrate, growing competition, and increasingly fashion-conscious customers means companies will have to run faster to stand still."

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Preparing for the big one: petite Altnayi Asylmuratova leads *Swan Lake* to the Albert Hall



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Nigel Williamson meets songwriter Richard Thompson

**THE** artwork for the cover of Richard Thompson's new album *Industry* arrives just as we are discussing his nostalgia for Britain's lost mills, fountains and shipyards. The cover depicts two huge match, iron cogs, while in the background a dandelion gone to seed signifies decay. "It's too bright. It was meant to be grimier," complains the songwriter and one-time mainstay of Fairport Convention.

Thompson is big on grim. It closes the pores of his new work, an ambitious song-cycle about the rise and decline of British manufacturing from the Industrial Revolution to the dismantling of heavy industry during the 1980s. "These days Britain is cleaner and we are probably all better off, but it is a bit bland," he says. "I miss the dirt."

Thompson, a quintessentially English writer who has always drawn deeply on tradition, now spends most of his time in California. But the man who invented English folk-rock has not turned away from his own heritage. *Industry* tackles such subjects as child-labour, factory lockouts, pit closures and long-term unemployment, almost like a musical version of E.P. Thompson's *The Making of the English Working Class*.

Musically, too, the sound is distinctively English. Brass bands, traces of Elgar and folk song are there, evoking not John Major's England of old maids bicycling to evensong but a nation built on working-class toil.

It is hard to think of another contemporary songwriter with the maturity or the confidence to tackle such a vast theme. "We could have made seven albums; there is such a history to write about," says Richard Thompson. The "we" refers to musical collaborator Danny Thompson (no relation), the former Pentangle double bassist whose own roots in Durham mining stock permeate the album.

"We were looking for a project we both felt passionate about," says Richard Thompson. Then Mick Wadsworth, manager of Scarborough Football Club, sent us some cuttings about the closure of Grimesthorpe colliery and the effect it had on the town."

## Elegy for the working man

That led initially to *Last Shift*, a song burning with anger about a society that can consign an entire town to the scrapheap. "The miners were fantastic people. Because the jobs so dangerous they pulled together in a way that I don't suppose we shall see again. It's not the same if you are

sing Saboteur. "It is a powerful image," says Thompson. "He takes his hammer and goes down to the engine room to smash it. But he can't do it because he is overcome by the machine's beauty."

If those are the tales of working men, the poignant *Drifting Through The Days* deals with the crushing despair of unemployment. "I feel a fraud over that, because I've never been out of work for two years and I feel suicidal about it," says Thompson. "But I wanted to empathise."

Snapshots these may be, but Thompson's lens is sharply focused and he completes the cycle with *Loterland*, an acid observation on the twice-weekly national obsession of post-industrial Britain. The song is, in effect, a requiem for the old working class. "It's not an entirely enthusiastic view of Blairstown," Thompson concedes. "Perhaps the decline of industry will inevitable for us to arrive in Euro-middle-party land. But it is not very exciting. Winning the lottery is the only hope for a lot of people."

*Industry* is not easy listening, but there is nothing soft about its subject matter. What stops it from becoming mere polemic is the compassion running through the songs. "The sympathy of the songs is with working people and their communities," Thompson says. "But the manner in which industry was destroyed makes me angry. Social change happens and you cannot stop it, but it makes you angry to see politicians working insensitively."

The Thompsons are performing *Industry* on tour this week. Catch them now, for these are the only live outings the album is likely to enjoy. Already Richard is immersed in his next project, which delves even further back into English history. "I'm working with Phil Pickett and the New London Consort who specialise in early music, but we are adding a rhythm section. I call it heavy metal medieval."

• *Industry* is on Parlophone. Richard Thompson and Danny Thompson at Blackheath Concert Hall (tonight, tomorrow; Nottingham Theatre Royal (Sun); Leeds Irish Centre (Mon); Newcastle Playhouse (Tues))

Richard Thompson, muse of the heavy industries

making Toyota cars on an assembly line.

From there it was an easy decision to sustain the industrial theme. "As well as the people I love the industrial landscape and the machinery. It is a shame to see that disappear, and I wanted to write about it."

While making the album Thompson went down a pit for the first time and also dug into libraries of working-class literature. His research produced *Big Chimney*, a song driven by a piston-like rhythm, based on a worker's description of life in a steel mill, while the account of an 18th-century mill worker who felt he was being taken over by the machinery became the title.

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## Brothers hug the limelight

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As if to signal further intent, they play *Now You're Nobody*, which sounds like a collision between Elvis Presley's *Suspicious Minds* and the Stones' *Roxanne* — the kind of company Embrace have always intended to keep.

It is difficult to pinpoint what makes this band special until you realise that they never settle into any particular mood — combining psychedelia with arms-aflot anthems and heartbreaking ballads, yet never having the audience's attention anything less than completely rapt. "I want to get people," Danny McNamara once said. "Just get them." Tonight, he did that.

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blues of *Re-read*. They follow it with *All You Good People*, the huge, uplifting hymn that made them stand out from every other new band in years. As it fades out, Danny McNamara sheds his jacket like a dead skin and affords himself a rare public smile. "Number 34 in the charts this week," he tells the crowd.

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The new Labour Government yesterday took the first steps towards abolishing the failed nursery voucher scheme set up by the Tories. Two reports that landed on my desk last month showed the need for a new approach.

Both came from Ofsted, the schools' inspectorate. One was good, one was bad. Good news in education rarely makes the headlines but learning from good news is vital to the task of raising standards and developing excellence.

The first report on the non-traditional Margaret McMillan Nursery School in Islington, north London, is glowing. This nursery was created in 1990 by amalgamating council-run day nursery, a nursery school and a nursery for children with special needs.

For 48 weeks a year, from 8am to 4pm, it takes children aged between six months and five years. There are 173 children on the school roll attending either full-time or part-time, depending on the needs of the child and the family.

About a third are referred to the child by social services, more than half have been identified as having special educational needs and may have English as a second language. Childcare and education are integrated in one setting; qualified teachers work alongside nursery nurses under the direction of a lead teacher.

From the babies to the four-year-olds, a child's time at the nursery is individually tailored experience, high-quality care and excellent early-years education.

The Ofsted report praises the "outstanding leadership" of the head and the high expectations of staff and children. Four out of five of the teaching sessions were judged to be "good" or "very good". Most of the children — many from deprived backgrounds and having a range of disabilities — leave and go to their primary school after meeting or exceeding the desirable outcomes established by the previous Government as a benchmark for measuring quality.



A toddler at a London school: Labour will introduce a nursery scheme based on pragmatism

The second report by Ofsted analysed the inspections so far carried out of nurseries and playgroups participating in the Tories' nursery voucher scheme. All the reports relate to private and voluntary settings in the four trial areas for vouchers: three London boroughs and Norfolk.

True, this is the first time such services have been subject to inspection and that in itself must be a good thing. At least we can start to assess educational standards throughout the diverse range of playgroups, private nurseries and local authority nurseries available for young children. This report shows, however, that too many nurseries offering unacceptably

low standards have been allowed to access large amounts of public money through the voucher scheme.

The nurseries were judged against six areas of learning relating to the Education Department's "desirable outcomes". The inspection reports show that even where weaknesses are identified in all six areas of learning, the nurseries are still deemed educationally acceptable and eligible for vouchers. So, for instance, Walpole Area Playgroup in Norfolk and Gorleston Community Association Playgroup in Great Yarmouth showed weaknesses in all six areas, although both these nurseries were Ofsted-approved to take four-year-

olds. Overall, weaknesses were found in almost half the nurseries inspected. A staggering one in four had weakness in mathematics, and one in five had weaknesses in language and literacy. The early evidence suggests that the quality of nursery education offered to children under the voucher scheme is too low.

Yesterday the Government made its first announcements on nursery education. The Government will build on the examples of excellence in the private, public and voluntary sectors. It will replace the nursery voucher scheme and use the money wasted on the bureaucratic vouchers to provide a high quality nursery place for all four-year-olds.

and start to develop places for three-year-olds. I hope it will go further to build a comprehensive, integrated approach to children in their early years, bringing together childcare and nursery education.

This makes sense in today's world. Though some mothers stay at home, more and more are having to work, often part-time. They need greater flexibility than is offered by traditional nursery education. Equally, we know that 50 per cent of a child's intellectual development occurs before the age of five, which shows that investing in the early years is crucial.

So the Government needs to pursue a range of initiatives. In the manifesto, we said we would create early excellence centres in every region of the country, modelled on good practice such as that of the Margaret McMillan nursery. The centres will provide a practical demonstration for further development, bringing together in one place nursery education and childcare for children up to the age of five.

They will provide other services depending on local needs — from support to parents, to childcare information networks, to training for childminders, to healthcare facilities. They can be funded by redirecting resources, attracting new European finance available for this purpose and by money generated from income-related childcare payments.

Bringing together childcare and education involves more than the early excellence centres. We need to improve the support and training for childminders. We need to work in partnership with the private and voluntary sector to expand places and enhance quality. We need one statutory framework, consistent in all sectors for standards, registration and inspection.

But most importantly, we all know that parents are a child's first and enduring educators. That is why we need a series of measures to support parents — from reviewing the roles of health visitors and nurses, to parenting classes for teenagers and home-school contacts.

Labour's plans are both visionary and practical. Unlike the vouchers, they are based on pragmatic good sense. The legacy we have inherited is poor, and realising our plans will take time. But providing our young children with the best possible start is vital to all our futures.

• The author is MP for Barking.

## A testing time for all parents

Teenagers plus exams equals one big headache, says Judy Astley

Judy leave if there was ever an oxymoron, this is it. A nation of examination candidates has effectively packed up school, signed each other's uniforms and been sent home to revise for GCSEs.

What an opportunity for self-organised, down-to-it hard work. I can just imagine the party in the staff room. It is matched by the parties held by pupils who, if they know nothing else about maths, have long since worked out that  $\pi = 3.14159\ldots$

I have a 16-year-old. I have seen another through A levels. I know that if History Paper One does not start until 2.30pm, there will be no need for the duvet to shift before luncheon.

I work from home and am envied for being on site to see up their efforts. This is more demanding than any paid job. Through bloody-minded persistence, I can make sure that the bed is vacated at a respectable hour. But there follows the longest time a teenager ever spent in the shower, five morale-boosting phone calls to friends (which do not include the words "revision" or "work"), breakfast (at midday), a feverish hunt for missing biology notes (left to Sam), frantic drive to said Sam's, break for Neighbours ("Mum, we've been told to take some time off") and so on.

Parents marooned in distant workplaces have only the phone with which to nag and plead. I am told of a QC adjourning to the robing room, pacing the floor with a mobile and hissing: "Jenni, will you please just get up."

Corporate AGMs in vast conference centres are interrupted by offspring demanding the whereabouts of the Marmite and asking whether they can borrow it to all our futures. If you phone mid-afternoon, they

will have gone to the town centre to "look something up in the library". It will take three hours, involve meeting half the class, and they will return with CDs and a heavy smell of cigarettes. When they have actually stayed in, "slaving" over maths papers, the bridge will be stripped. There will be 17 drinks cans lying around and an assortment of friends gathered in front of a computer running a violent cartoon battle. Come evening, a diligent parent may try to pull the traditional "No you can't go out

— it's only two days until physics." The teenager will suddenly clear dishes from the table and make a noisy attempt at washing them. There will be sighs that neighbours three streets away can hear and an unusually generous offer to take the dog for a walk. It is naive and foolish to accept this offer. The dog will be taken to a steamy club and either tethered for safekeeping to a car or admitted to the premises from which it will come home drunk and be sick on the stairs.

As the exams start, support from the whole family may be required. A wan face bent over a heap of text books is irresistible when it requests a cup of tea. "How many sugars?" you ask and it roars "WHAT?" because it can't hear above Skunk Anansie pounding through headphones.

Exams over, parents revert to their traditional function of providing food, shelter, transport and cash. Then, towards mid-August the nation's exam candidates just like turtles responding to the moon's call to the beach, become sweet, thoughtful and loving. This is called insurance, otherwise known as Love Me. Love My Results.

Good luck to all candidates my sincere sympathy to their families.

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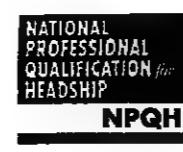
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## CRICKET

# Derbyshire fail to press home their advantage

By IVO TENNANT

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Derbyshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 129 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire.

AFTER taking eight wickets more swiftly than ever their buoyant Australian captain would have countenanced Derbyshire's, inexplicably, were unable to make Nottinghamshire follow on yesterday. One of the remaining batsmen was Tim Robinson, who has a fractured hand, yet Usman Afzaal, partnered by Paul Franks and quite undeterred by anything that Devon Malcolm could come up with added 64 runs that gave their county some succour. Nottinghamshire managed to take the wicket of Adrian Rollins before the close.

Both Afzaal and Franks played markedly more competently than anybody other than Johnson had done earlier in the innings. Their runs were needed. Although Mark Bowen, the seam bowler, who is with his second county, had taken a career-best seven for 75 earlier in the day, Derbyshire had made a sufficiently large total, 319, given that there was still something in the pitch for the medium-pace bowlers.

Not even Bowen, though, could compare with Malcolm in his initial spell. It was searingly fast and pretty accurate. Both Nottinghamshire openers, Pollard and Met-

calfe, were hit on their gloves — the former broke a finger in his left hand — and the latter twice edged close to gully before he was leg-before on the back foot. In another over, Malcolm had Pollard well taken down the leg side by Krikken and, after hitting Archer on the shoulder, had him held at first slip.

This might sound like intimidatory bowling, yet for most of this spell Malcolm pitched the ball up and looked like the fast bowler Nelson Mandela (one of his benefit patrons) still takes him to be.

He remains less accomplished at finishing off an innings, which was one reason why Nottinghamshire avoided following on. Also, Johnson, who made his third consecutive half-century, put on 50 in 12 overs with Downam in the middle of the innings.

As on the first day, there was some help for anybody who looked to pitch the ball up and move it off the seam.

Dean had Downam caught at cover point, eventually accounted for Johnson and made one swing in to york Noon. When Aldred, who took 13 wickets for the second XI at Trent Bridge last week, removed Evans and Bowen, Nottinghamshire still required 42 to save the follow-on.

They had two wickets in hand, but Robinson, who would have been the very batsman for this occasion, had fractured a bone in his right hand in the field on Wednesday and was not intending to bat. In fact, as Afzaal and Franks unexpectedly came closer to saving the follow-on, he could be seen practising one-handed defensive shots in the Nottinghamshire dressing room. Ultimately, he did come out to bat when Afzaal, whose past ten first-class innings read 5, 47, 26, 51, 39, 67 not out, 19, 70 not out, 77 not out and now 52, was eventually bowled.

Earlier, Nottinghamshire had done markedly well to take Derbyshire's last five wickets for 36 runs. Jones added only six to his overnight 71 before Bowen had him leg-before. Bowen then had Krikken and Aldred caught at the wicket and gained his seventh wicket when he caught Dean in his follow-through. This is the kind of pitch that he would like to play on all seasons.

The six catches taken by Noon equalled the record by a Nottinghamshire wicketkeeper. This has been achieved on ten occasions, four times by Bruce French, who played in the Hadlee era and now specialises — if that is the right word — as a rock climber. Wicketkeepers always were a bit different. Noon is not in that class, but his catching over the past two days has been of a sufficiently high standard to impress the most exacting of judges.



Greg Blewett surveys the damage after being bowled by Darren Gough for 28 during England's six-wicket victory over Australia at Headingley yesterday. Report, page 48

## Brown and Donald force Middlesex on back foot

By DAVID HODGSON

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire won toss; Middlesex have scored 161 for seven wickets against Warwickshire.

UNLESS there is a fundamental change in the weather in the next ten days, Australia will play the first Test match here on a pitch not dissimilar to the one that undermined Middlesex's even-paced, but summing and, if under cloud, ideal for England's battery of fast-medium bowlers.

It would be unfair to say that the pitch was entirely to blame. Warwickshire's bowling, especially that

of Dougie Brown and Allan Donald, was hostile and penetrative and the slips' catching was exemplary. Yet the performance, overall, was patchy and the deputy wicketkeeper, Tony Frost, who hails from Bob Taylor's home town of Stoke, would have needed to match a display by the maestro to reduce the margin of extra.

Middlesex began engagingly enough, taking 19 of Graeme Watkinson's first two overs, causing Brown to take over from the Pavilion End. Donald needed most of three overs to find the right length on this surface and once the pair were in harness, Middlesex were in trouble.

The pitch had a shade of green, the clouds were grey but reasonably high and the temperature low. Donald, on about the off stump, made the ball lift sharply, while Brown found variations of seam and bounce.

Paul Weekes was taken low to the keeper's right. Mark Ramprakash, keeping down a ball that jumped, was caught at short leg. Jacques Kallis, straight and upright, was neat and fluent, before going back, fatally, to Brown. Jason Pooley was fencing and Brown hunched on figures of 13-6-22-3.

The exotically-named Mo Shukir, 23, who was called up from the Birmingham League, was revealed

as lean and whippy. He came in off a 12-yard run-up and is probably quicker than he looks.

The Middlesex rock in this sea of trouble was the captain, Mike Gatting arrived with the score at 35 for two, stayed for 2½ hours either side of lunch, blocked many, plastered some and gave his opinion of the pitch with some expressive body language.

When Gatting departed, having hit six boundaries in a 100-ball innings, his team's total had taken on a measure of respectability, at least, at 130 for six.

He did, too, get a snorter from Donald after he and Keith Brown

had given the tail a platform for recovery. By mid-afternoon, the drizzle came and went and neither bating, bowling, fielding nor spectating became very pleasant. The umpires finally conceded just after 6pm with another 40 overs lost and, by then, even the hardiest of spectators had gone home.

Warwickshire confirmed yesterday that their AXA Life League match against Somerset will be played as a day-night fixture at Edgbaston on Wednesday, July 23, starting at 6pm and ending approximately at 11pm. There will be a fancy dress contest, music and face-painting. You have been warned.

## EQUESTRIANISM

### Lyon proves the main attraction in dressage

By JENNY MACARTHUR

POLLY LYON, who disappeared from the international eventing scene "burnt out and exhausted" after winning her second European young riders' title in 1990, confirmed her return yesterday when she and the Irish-bred War Tyler took the overnight lead after the first day of dressage at the Chubb Insurance Windsor International Horse Trials.

Lyon, 28, produced an attractive, flowing test on the seven-year-old gelding that gave her a 1.6-point lead over

Eddy Stribe, of Holland, on Kilkea Castle. Their tests appeared to be in a different league from the rest of the field.

Sheffield-born Darrell Scalfi, whose evening career started eight years ago when he wrote persuasively to Jane Holderness-Roddam, then chairman of the selectors, asking her to train him, is in third place on Faerie Dazzler.

Lyon, who is engaged to Toby Williamson, equestrian to the Queen, had one of the most spectacular starts to an eventing career. She won the individual and team gold medals at the 1987 European junior championships on Highland Road and became the European young riders' champion — and also won a team gold medal — the following year. In 1990, aged 21, she gained her second European young riders' title on Folly's Last, but instead of elation felt "exhausted and ready to quit".

Preoccupied with building up her Charlton Park equestrian yard in Wiltshire, she put her international career on hold for the next four years. It might have remained that way had not William Russell, an eventing enthusiast, whose son, Miles, had competed with Lyon, offered to buy her a "potential top-class event horse" — provided that she found it.

Wat Tyler was discovered two years ago on Anglesey. Bold and athletic, he has been placed each time at one-day trials this season and has helped to make the sport fun again for Lyon. Windsor is his first three-day event, but Lyon is optimistic about the 26-fence cross-country course tomorrow. "It's big, but it's well built and inviting and should suit him," she said.

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### British men fall at qualifying stage

IN BRIEF

THREE more British players were beaten in the first qualifying round of the French Open tennis championships in Paris yesterday. Danny Sapsford, Luke Milligan and Nick Weal followed Andrew Richardson and Chris Wilkinson out of the tournament.

Sapsford was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by Rodolphe Gibert, of France. Milligan lost 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 to Rodolphe Cadart, also of France, and Weal was beaten 6-1, 6-0 by Vincenzo Santopadre, of Italy.

Michael Stich joined the list of absentees from the men's singles when he announced yesterday that he would not be taking part. Stich plans to retire in September.

## Timely arrival

Basketball: John Amechi, the England forward, will, after all, be able to play for his country in Pezinok, Slovakia, tonight when they begin their programme in the qualification round of the European championship against Luxembourg. It was thought that Amechi would not arrive in time as he has been in the United States attempting to revive his career in the National Basketball Association.

## Three and easy

Golf: Tommy Horton completed two hat-tricks when he won the Scottish Life/Ben Sayers senior club professional championship by nine strokes at Finchamp Park, Coventry, yesterday. Horton had a seven-under-par final round of 66 to win the event for the third time in succession. It was his third seniors' title in as many weeks.

## Ireland beaten

Rugby union: Northland trounced the Ireland Development XV 66-16 in the first match of their New Zealand tour at Whangarei yesterday. The second division team scored ten tries, while the Irish side could manage only one from Gary Halpin, the captain.

## Home rule

Cycling: Roberto Sgambelluri, of Italy, sprinted the closing 100 metres yesterday to win the sixth stage of the Giro d'Italia. Pavel Tonkov retained the overall lead.

## Lehmann's talent shines through

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

TALINTON (second day of four): Yorkshire have made 183 for five wickets against Somerset.

IN GRIM, dank conditions, Darren Lehmann made a more assured century yesterday. Lehmann, 27, who has taken over from another Australian left-hander, Michael Bevan, as Yorkshire's overseas player, batted scrupulously to complete his first hundred for the club before bad light — and it was bad — brought play to a premature close.

There were four lights on the board (three usually constitute a warning) when the umpires finally persuaded the players that they were entitled to go off. They had resorted to their light meters or at least four occasions, but to their credit the batsmen preferred to play rather than loiter in the pavilion. So far, only 58 overs have been possible on the first two days.

No matter how poor the light, the bowlers came alike to Lehmann, who was particularly square of the wicket. He crunched drives between point and extra cover and ran zealously between the wickets to give some impetus to the innings, but he is not just a ball-basher. His strokes rang out truly and confidently and he showed his joy on completing his hundred by waving his bat excitedly in every direction.

The outfield was so wet that play started three hours late, with protective covers shield-

## Fairbrother holds key to survival

By BARNEY SPENDER

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 390 runs behind Nottinghamshire

FOR THE second day running, Old Trafford escaped the rain, but it was still a gloomy day for the Lancashire supporters. Under pterrier skies, they were subjected to some grey cricket as Northamptonshire took a firm grip on what has been a pretty good day.

Middlesex began engagingly enough, taking 19 of Graeme Watkinson's first two overs, causing Brown to take over from the Pavilion End. Donald needed most of three overs to find the right length on this surface and once the pair were in harness, Middlesex were in trouble.

The pitch had a shade of green, the clouds were grey but reasonably high and the temperature low. Donald, on about the off stump, made the ball lift sharply, while Brown found variations of seam and bounce.

had done the hard work, however, they were quickly disabused of the idea as Tim Walton and David Ripley added 115 for the eighth wicket. Walton reached 50 three times in his five championship matches last year and kept up that consistency with a well-worked 60 yesterday.

He appears to have a tight enough defence, but he also showed a refreshing fondness for standing up straight and giving the ball a good belt. He twice deposited Gary Keedy over the mid-on boundary on his way to 20, while his third six went a bit wider, over cow-corner. Yet his adventure proved his downfall, as Ian Austin took a good catch on the boundary to give the left-arm spinner his third wicket and a modicum of revenge.

Emburey went quickly, but Ripley, who nudged his way effectively to 79 not out, then added to Lancashire's dark mood by adding 45 for the last wicket with Neil Taylor.

The Lancashire batsmen were quickly in trouble. Nathan Wood, son of former Lancashire and England opener Barry Wood, edged Penberthy to the boundary, but another nibble outside the off-stump produced a thinner edge and a good catch by David Ripley, diving in front of first slip. Gaffian looked as comfortable as anyone in moving to 49, but, shortly before the close, he pushed forward to Emburey and was snapped up by Rob Bailey at silly point.

If Lancashire thought they

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This refresher illustrates an important theme in discarding.

Dealer East

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♦K6	♦J852	♦A98	♦K987	♦K987	♦A987	♦QJ
♦78542	♦10885	♦10885	♦10885	♦10885	♦10885	♦QJ
N	W	E	5	6	7	8
♦A2	♦Q54	♦K1076	♦K104	♦AQ10	♦QJ	
♦QJ3	♦K8	♦K1075	♦K104	♦A910	♦QJ	
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On the last of these West was in some difficulty. Thinking that East's diamond discard meant he was holding on to something in hearts, West threw a heart. Declarer laid down the king of hearts in case West had started with five and East had a singleton honour, and now had a third heart trick.

There was a heated post mortem. West told East that he should have discarded a heart from his three small

## WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DAVACH

- a. A Breton cow
- b. The fluke of an anchor
- c. A measure of land

ESPADON

- a. A sword
- b. A bicuspate beard
- c. The ace of spades

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## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Madrid elite

A powerful tournament is taking place in Madrid, where Britain's top grandmaster Nigel Short faces such luminaries as the former Russian (now Spanish) grandmaster Valery Salov, the Bulgarian grandmaster Veselin Topalov, another adoptive Spaniard, Alexei Shirov (formerly Livanian) and the world's top woman player, Judit Polgar.



RACING: NEWMARKET TRAINER HAS STRONG REPRESENTATION AT THE CURRAGH THIS WEEKEND

# Stoute keen to show off Dazzle

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

HAVING made a splash at Newmarket and cornered all the headlines in the Derby preamble, Michael Stoute now turns his attention to the weekend's classics at the Curragh. The Newmarket trainer has representatives in the Irish 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas, while Dr Massini, favourite for the Derby 12 months ago, continues his rehabilitation in the Tattersalls Gold Cup.

Stoute will decide on Dazzle's participation in the filly's classic tomorrow after assessing the state of the ground. A soft surface would not suit the



Germano fends off the determined challenge of King Alex in the Festival Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

daughter of Gore West, who excelled herself when third behind Sleepytime in the Newmarket equivalent three weeks ago. But the trainer is very keen to run.

"She has been prepared for the race," Stoute said, "and it is her last shot at a classic. She would prefer good ground but she will travel over if it is good to soft."

Persistent rain at the Curragh has considerably softened the surface but the short-term forecast is more promising. Local bookmakers Paddy Power have installed Dazzle the 100-30 favourite ahead of Oh Nellie, who

have seen out the trip. "It is a fair assumption," Stoute said, "but I had not been able to give her the ideal preparation. While she was entitled to get tired in the end, however, she failed to maintain the momentum. This latest detail suggested she may not quite

have given his true running in the French equivalent on testing ground. The son of Sadler's Wells, a 5-1 chance for Sunday behind the odds-on Revocative, had previously mastered that rival in the Greenham Stakes.

"It is difficult to know what went wrong in France," the trainer said. "I am not con-

vinced the ground was to blame. It may have been a combination of things; the lack of pace was a problem and he ended up disrupting the lead. Naturally, I'm hoping he reproduces the form he showed in the Greenham, when there was cut in the ground."

Zamindar, fifth in the Newmarket Guinea, is an intended opponent for Yalaiteenae and Revocative. He is to be flown to Ireland but requires good ground to take his chance.

Come what may, Zamindar's owner, Khaled Abdulla, will be represented in the Irish 1,000 Guineas by Ryfan, one of three in Abdulla's livery declared yesterday for the Oaks. A decision on the participation of Reams Of Verse and Yashmakh is due early next week.

Meanwhile, Dr Massini's prospects in the Tattersalls Gold Cup were endorsed at Goodwood yesterday, when Germano and King Alex, both previous victims of the Stoute-trained four-year-old, fought out a thrilling finish to the Royal Sussex Regent Festival Stakes. King Alex came hard at Germano in the closing stages but the latter, trained by the in-form Geoff Wragg, would not be denied.

"Dr Massini's form is good," Stoute said. "The Irish race looks tough, but I am happy with my horse. He has never previously run on soft ground but if it meets those conditions it won't bother him. He has a good turn of foot."

Michael Hills, who partnered Germano, started the day badly when landing himself a four-day ban for irresponsible riding in the A & J Bull Maiden Stakes. Hills got Good Reputation home in first place, but the filly was demoted to third after Hills was adjudged to have interfered with Rocky Dance.

## PONTEFRACT

**THUNDERER**  
6.40 Economy 7.05 STEP N GO (nap), 7.30 Cut Like Magic, 8.00 Night Chorus, 8.30 Almudheran, 8.00 Polish Romances.

**GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)**  
**DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST**

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Andrew Longmore on the driving force behind the Stewart team's flying start

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**With** ten laps to go in the Monaco Grand Prix, visitors to the pit-lane garage of the Stewart grand prix team would have been greeted by a strange sight. A row of engineers lined up with their backs to the computer screens on which every agonising detail of Rubens Barrichello's historic drive was being laid bare.

It smacked of the laconic humour of A.J. Alan Jenkins, the technical director of Stewart Racing, who has John Lennon glasses and a benign, professorial, air. There was nothing more they could do, so why, thought Jenkins, tear themselves apart waiting for the oil pressure to blow. Better to look the other way. "We only lasted two seconds, then we had to turn round and watch again," Jenkins said.

And when the Brazilian crossed the finishing line and Jackie Stewart and son Paul added their tears to the rain and danced an impromptu jig outside, Jenkins stroked his greying beard and thought that yes, second place in only their fifth grand prix was quite nice and wondered whether he could catch the early flight home. Typical engineer, that.

"They all accused me of being a real misery. It sounds corny, I know, but I was really just thrilled for everyone else. It was only when I sat at home with my wife that I thought: 'Christ, that was good, wasn't it?' The accent still has traces of his native Liverpool, though he now lives on a farm in Buckinghamshire. As he talks, he wipes imaginary crumbs off his desk, the one outward glimpse of a meticulous mind.

The legacy of Monaco will be heightened expectation, as Jenkins is all too aware. The car has yet to finish a race at full throttle and the long straight and sweeping turns in Spain will not be ideal for the under-powered Stewart-Fords. All that can wait. Last Friday, at the Milton Keynes headquarters of the team, the celebrations were still in full flow and the mood was euphoric. At Monaco, in the shop window of Formula One, Stewart had peed and performed with the best.

"The team is coming together as a proper team," Jenkins said. "Monaco made others respect us and gave us a lot of confidence. We now just have to keep chipping away with the odd point here and there." Typical engineer, that.

## BADMINTON

### Hall offers hope ahead of vital tie

By RICHARD EATON

**ENGLAND** meet Sweden in the Sudirman Cup world team championships in Glasgow today knowing that they must win to retain a place in the top group of six nations. They lost 4-1 to South Korea, the former champions, on Wednesday night, but were given some hope by an outstanding performance from Darren Hall.

The former European champion was playing in his first significant tournament since an Achilles injury kept him out of action for three months, but still recorded the best singles victory by an English player for five years to



José María Olazábal plays his second shot at the 1st hole during the pro-am event on the eve of the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth yesterday

## Hudson clears two hurdles

By PATRICIA DAVIES

**REBECCA HUDSON**, the leading qualifier, from Yorkshire, disposed of two worthy opponents, in Marilyn Henderson and Fiona Brown, to make her way into the third round of the English women's amateur championship at Saunton yesterday. Hudson now meets Elaine Ratcliffe, a fellow England international, who beat Emma Dugdale, the former British champion, from the Malton and Norton club, by 3 and 2.

In two epic battles on a chilly, grey afternoon, Kate Egford and Kim Rostrom, winner of the Helen Holm at Troon in April, scraped through at the 20th against Lynda Simpson and Chloe Riston respectively.

Simpson, née Moore, who played in the Curtis Cup at St Pierre in 1980, has been Cornish champion for the past

three years and decided to make a return to the national fairways at an event so close to home. Egford, who lectures in sports science at Preston College, won the 11th and 12th, thanks to a couple of ropey iron shots by Simpson, who was fighting a migraine, to go two holes up. Annoyed with

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# I had to watch television with nothing on

An acquaintance of mine is fond of working the conversation around to television in order to boast that he never watches it. The reason he never watches television is that there is "never anything on". We then have a ritualistic argument concerning how he knows there is nothing on if he never watches television, and the mysterious fact that there always seems to be something on my television even if there is nothing on his.

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nothing on television by saying: "When I say there is nothing on television, I mean ...". Similarly, when I say there was nothing on television last night, I mean there was nothing much beyond part-run series, much-written-about factual programmes, and *This Life*.

*Alas! This Life* (BBC2): Now there is a lifebelt for a drowning. Grief if ever I spotted one on a dull, grey day. *This Life* is the only soap I have ever watched without missing an episode or was before the BBC launched the latest series at the maddeningly inconvenient time of 9.30pm. The switch means that I have now missed a couple of episodes so I have no idea why Egg is working in some sort of charity cafe.

For those who may still be unfamiliar with the show, *This Life* is about five twenty-something lawyers sharing a house, except that one of them, Warren, has gone

off on a world tour and another, the aforesaid Egg, gave up lawyering and became a bit of a layabout.

The other three are Milly, who is a solicitor and Egg's partner, and Anna and Miles, both barristers in the same chambers and on occasion both barristers in the same bed; perhaps one day they will get it all together at work and play and name their house "Bedchambers". Meanwhile, the sexual tension between Anna and Miles is one of the programme's sustaining themes, temporarily eclipsed last night by Milly's Big Decision.

*W*ould she or would she not agree to go to Paris with her boss, Mr O'Donnell? A business trip, he said, but, hey, nobody was believing that. Milly turned down in the end, but then rushed back to the office to tell O'Donnell she had changed her mind, only to find

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Peter Barnard

O'Donnell (smooth, or what?) had offered the trip to another woman on the staff.

The thing about *This Life* is that you can believe it. I do not pretend to know many people in their twenties, nor would I presume to suggest that these are typical. A critic or two has suggested that this lot, with their recreational sex and their recreational drugs, are pretty poor examples. But this is a

television show, not a Billy Graham rally.

And, in any event, what actually happens in *This Life* is only half the point. These are young people feeling their way forward, trying things here and there, taking in this, rejecting that. How else to grow? They could all end up in the next-but-one Blair Cabinet, vying for the leadership as Tony falters off to the (reformed) Lords.

But 581 words on *This Life* does not a column make, so I turn to Channel 4 for help. *Health Alert* would be a respectable programme for review even if there was something on the telly, so on a night like last night *Health Alert* became a positive beacon of light.

Even if some of the close-ups on which the light shone were not a pretty sight.

*Acne* is a condition generally associated with teenagers and often treated with a mixture of ribaldry and outright cruelty by

those who do not suffer from it. But acne can strike at any time, is not caused by going unwashed too much washing makes it worse and science has yet to find a surefire cure.

*Health Alert* was subtitled *My Friends Call Me Pizza-Face* — and that is exactly what some of the youngsters in the programme were called by their peers, Michael Hall, now 27 and a sufferer for many years, refused to leave his bedroom at one stage; he felt "branded" by the condition.

*M*ichelle Allen became suicidal and her mother recalled how, each day when she returned to the house, she rushed upstairs to make sure that Michelle was still alive. Such are the consequences of living in a society too impressed by outward appearances. Dr Tony Chu, founder of the Acne Support Group, said that "laser resurfac-

ing", which can remove the scars which acne leaves behind, has to be paid for by the patient because it is seen as cosmetic surgery. He is right to imply that the removal of scarring is far different from changing a nose one doesn't happen to like.

BBC2 has been running a 15-minute series entitled *A Woman Called Smith*, whose subjects have nothing in common beyond their surname. Last night it was about Alison Smith, who formed an ambition to become a midwife when the one who attended her admitted she had not had children and therefore had no idea what giving birth was like.

But Alison is torn between careers. She has begun selling erotic lingerie and various associated "toys" which run on batteries. She holds parties for groups of women who have a great time playing... oh dear, I seem to have run out of space. What a relief.

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Surrey pair stand firm to secure victory over Australia in opening one-day international

## Vibrant England draw first blood

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

**HEADINGLEY** (England won toss; England beat Australia by six wickets)

MEMORIES are rarely made of days like this. The weather was too wintry, the pitch too difficult, the game slavish to the bowlers. It all conspired to reduce the glamour of the occasion, but it could do nothing to lower the significance of the result as England fought tenaciously for a victory crucial to their credibility.

Come the end of this Ashes summer, the Texaco Trophy will have faded from the mind, yet this was a day of resonant importance for England as they set out to convince a sceptical public that the advances in management and approach add up to something more than window dressing.

They have taken the vital first step not without a stumble but ultimately showing style and sinew. On the type of surface that they would like for every game this season, they frustrated Australia and were then carried to victory by an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 135 between the Surrey pair, Graham Thorpe and Adam Hollioake.

This was a partnership born in desperation. England, needing 171, were 40 for four when they came together; Australia sensing that one more wicket would see the game in their grip. It might have come at any moment of the next

half-hour as Hollioake existed precariously, but there followed an hour of increasingly commanding batting.

It culminated in a violent pull for six by Hollioake off Gillespie from the first ball of the 41st over, settling the affair with a deceptive number of wickets and balls in hand. It had not been that straightforward, but England had achieved their goal by playing with a character and method that has sometimes been beyond them. It was a most heartening start.

Hollioake carried the man-of-the-match champagne down to his mother and father, who now seemed hardly to care that their luggage had not arrived with them from Australia. The international career of their eldest son is now properly launched.

Two one-day games at the end of last summer and a winter in vibrant charge of the England A team identified him as a compelling personality. Here, he showed something more.

He had already taken two wickets as England's optional sixth bowler. His seam bowling, which looks innocuous, is presented cleverly, with disguised changes of grip and pace, but it is as a batsman that he must claim his Test place. His innings began edgily, but flowered convincingly. His parents looked proud, and so they might.

### HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

England won toss		ENGLAND	
M A Taylor c Stewart b Gough	12	N W Knight b McGrath	12
11 runs, 15 balls, 1 four		(21min, 18 balls, 1 four)	
M E Waugh b Headley	11	M A Atherton c Headley b Kasprowicz	4
17 runs, 37 balls, 1 four		(1min, 18 balls, 1 four)	
S N Waugh c Stewart b Headley	19	A J Stewart b Waugh to McGrath	7
15 runs, 42 balls, 2 fours		(30min, 22 balls, 1 four)	
M G Bevan run out (Thorpe)	30	G P Thorpe not out	75
10 runs, 16 balls, 3 fours		(10min, 10 balls, 7 fours)	
G S Thorpe not out	0	A J Lloyd not out (Blewett)	0
10 runs, 46 balls, 2 fours		(12min, 6 balls)	
M J Stewart c & b Headley	26	A J Hollioake not out	4
17 runs, 21 balls, 1 four		(10min, 9 balls, 3 fours)	
M J Stewart c & b Headley	17	Extras (1 w, 1 nb, 4) ...	11
17 runs, 21 balls, 1 four		Total (9 wickets, 17 min) ...	17
M A Headley c Hollioake b Thorpe	17	Score after 15 overs ... 172	
17 runs, 21 balls, 1 four		Score after 16 overs ... 175	
M S Kasprowicz not out	17	Score after 17 overs ... 175	
17 runs, 18 balls, 1 four		Score after 18 overs ... 175	
J M Goffe not out	3	Score after 19 overs ... 175	
17 runs, 5 balls, 1 four		Score after 20 overs ... 175	
Extras (1 w, 5 nb) ...	17	Score after 21 overs ... 175	
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs, 195min) ...	170	Score after 22 overs ... 175	
Score after 15 overs ... 172		Score after 23 overs ... 175	
G D McGrath did not bat		Score after 24 overs ... 175	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6 (M E Waugh), 2-11 (G P Thorpe), 3-12 (A J Stewart), 4-13 (S N Waugh), 5-105 (Bevan), 6-106 (Waugh), 7-140 (Warne), 8-151 (Headley), 9-161 (Thorpe), 10-162 (Lloyd), 11-170 (Hollioake), 12-171 (Four wickets)		Score after 25 overs ... 175	
Final score: 20-2-350-0 (in 4.3 hrs, 7-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18-20, 19-22, 20-23, 21-24, 22-25, 23-26, 24-27, 25-28, 26-29, 27-30, 28-31, 29-32, 30-33, 31-34, 32-35, 33-36, 34-37, 35-38, 36-39, 37-40, 38-41, 39-42, 40-43, 41-44, 42-45, 43-46, 44-47, 45-48, 46-49, 47-50, 48-51, 49-52, 50-53, 51-54, 52-55, 53-56, 54-57, 55-58, 56-59, 57-60, 58-61, 59-62, 60-63, 61-64, 62-65, 63-66, 64-67, 65-68, 66-69, 67-70, 68-71, 69-72, 70-73, 71-74, 72-75, 73-76, 74-77, 75-78, 76-81, 77-82, 78-83, 79-84, 80-85, 81-86, 82-87, 83-88, 84-89, 85-90, 86-91, 87-92, 88-93, 89-94, 90-95, 91-96, 92-97, 93-98, 94-99, 95-100, 96-101, 97-102, 98-103, 99-104, 100-105, 101-106, 102-107, 103-108, 104-109, 105-110, 106-111, 107-112, 108-113, 109-114, 110-115, 111-116, 112-117, 113-118, 114-119, 115-120, 116-121, 117-122, 118-123, 119-124, 120-125, 121-126, 122-127, 123-128, 124-129, 125-130, 126-131, 127-132, 128-133, 129-134, 130-135, 131-136, 132-137, 133-138, 134-139, 135-140, 136-141, 137-142, 138-143, 139-144, 140-145, 141-146, 142-147, 143-148, 144-149, 145-150, 146-151, 147-152, 148-153, 149-154, 150-155, 151-156, 152-157, 153-158, 154-159, 155-160, 156-161, 157-162, 158-163, 159-164, 160-165, 161-166, 162-167, 163-168, 164-169, 165-170, 166-171, 167-172, 168-173, 169-174, 170-175, 171-176, 172-177, 173-178, 174-179, 175-180, 176-181, 177-182, 178-183, 179-184, 180-185, 181-186, 182-187, 183-188, 184-189, 185-190, 186-191, 187-192, 188-193, 189-194, 190-195, 191-196, 192-197, 193-198, 194-199, 195-200, 196-201, 197-202, 198-203, 199-204, 200-205, 201-206, 202-207, 203-208, 204-209, 205-210, 206-211, 207-212, 208-213, 209-214, 210-215, 211-216, 212-217, 213-218, 214-219, 215-220, 216-221, 217-222, 218-223, 219-224, 220-225, 221-226, 222-227, 223-228, 224-229, 225-230, 226-231, 227-232, 228-233, 229-234, 230-235, 231-236, 232-237, 233-238, 234-239, 235-240, 236-241, 237-242, 238-243, 239-244, 240-245, 241-246, 242-247, 243-248, 244-249, 245-250, 246-251, 247-252, 248-253, 249-254, 250-255, 251-256, 252-257, 253-258, 254-259, 255-260, 256-261, 257-262, 258-263, 259-264, 260-265, 261-266, 262-267, 263-268, 264-269, 265-270, 266-271, 267-272, 268-273, 269-274, 270-275, 271-276, 272-277, 273-278, 274-279, 275-280, 276-281, 277-282, 278-283, 279-284, 280-285, 281-286, 282-287, 283-288, 284-289, 285-290, 286-291, 287-292, 288-293, 289-294, 290-295, 291-296, 292-297, 293-298, 294-299, 295-300, 296-301, 297-302, 298-303, 299-304, 300-305, 301-306, 302-307, 303-308, 304-309, 305-310, 306-311, 307-312, 308-313, 309-314, 310-315, 311-316, 312-317, 313-318, 314-319, 315-320, 316-321, 317-322, 318-323, 319-324, 320-325, 321-326, 322-327, 323-328, 324-329, 325-330, 326-331, 327-332, 328-333, 329-334, 330-335, 331-336, 332-337, 333-338, 334-339, 335-340, 336-341, 337-342, 338-343, 339-344, 340-345, 341-346, 342-347, 343-348, 344-349, 345-350, 346-351, 347-352, 348-353, 349-354, 350-355, 351-356, 352-357, 353-358, 354-359, 355-360, 356-361, 357-362, 358-363, 359-364, 360-365, 361-366, 362-367, 363-368, 364-369, 365-370, 366-371, 367-372, 368-373, 369-374, 370-375, 371-376, 372-377, 373-378, 374-379, 375-380, 376-381, 377-382, 378-383, 379-384, 380-385, 381-386, 382-387, 383-388, 384-389, 385-390, 386-391, 387-392, 388-393, 389-394, 390-395, 391-396, 392-397, 393-398, 394-399, 395-400, 396-401, 397-402, 398-403, 399-404, 400-405, 401-406, 402-407, 403-408, 404-409, 405-410, 406-411, 407-412, 408-413, 409-414, 410-415, 411-416, 412-417, 413-418, 414-419, 415-420, 416-421, 417-422, 418-423, 419-424, 420-425, 421-426, 422-427, 423-428, 424-429, 425-430, 426-431, 427-432, 428-433, 429-434, 430-435, 431-436, 432-437, 433-438, 434-439, 435-440, 436-441, 437-442, 438-443, 439-444, 440-445, 441-446, 442-447, 443-448, 444-449, 445-450, 446-451, 447-452, 448-453, 449-454, 450-455, 451-456, 452-457, 453-458, 454-459, 455-460, 456-461, 457-462, 458-463, 459-464, 460-465, 461-466, 462-467, 463-468, 464-469, 465-470, 466-471, 467-472, 468-473, 469-474, 470-475, 471-476, 472-477, 473-478, 474-479, 475-480, 476-481, 477-482, 478-483, 479-484, 480-485, 481-486, 482-487, 483-488, 484-489, 485-490, 486-491, 487-492, 488-493, 489-494, 490-495, 491-496, 492-497, 493-498, 494-499, 495-500, 496-501, 497-502, 498-503, 499-504, 500-505, 501-506, 502-507, 503-508, 504-509, 505-510, 506-511, 507-512, 508-513, 509-514, 510-515, 511-516, 512-517, 513-518, 514-519, 515-520, 516-521, 517-522, 518-523, 519-524, 520-525, 521-526, 522-527, 523-528, 524-529, 525-530, 526-531, 527-532, 528-533, 529-534, 530-535, 531-536, 532-537, 533-538, 534-539, 535-540, 536-541, 537-542, 538-543, 539-544, 540-545, 541-546, 542-547, 543-548, 544-549, 545-550, 546-551,			